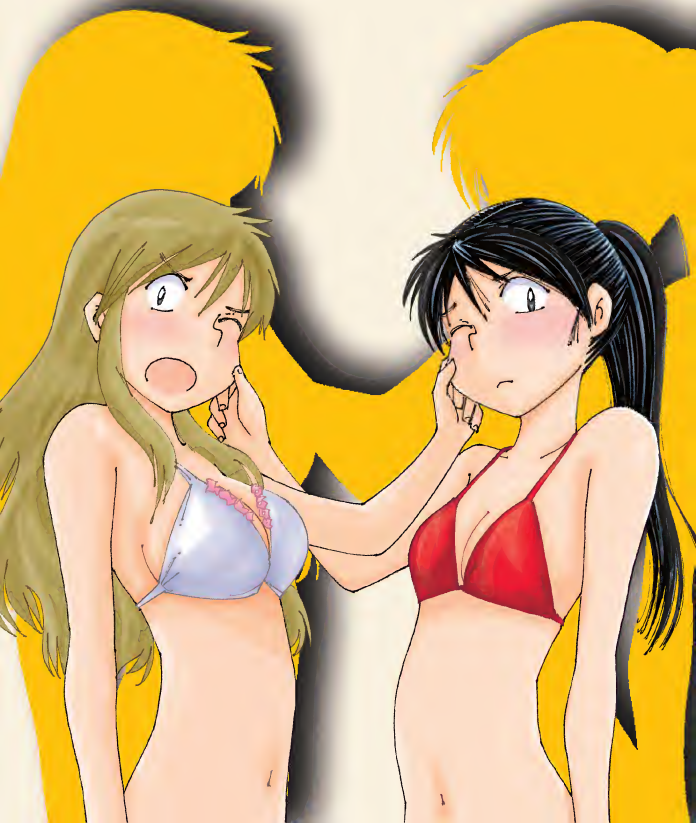


MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

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VERTICAL COMICS

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X
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MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

Ayuko Oka (17)



At 4'8", she's very small, but her figure is well-developed and quite gorgeous. She is Ueno's girlfriend. She often toys with Urabe through her impish personality. Like Tsubaki, she is responsive to Urabe's drool.

Kouhei Ueno (17)



Tsubaki's best friend. He's been going out with their classmate, Oka, since they were sophomores. Ueno's fond way of talking about Oka frequently influences Tsubaki's ideas about relationships.

Ryouko Suwano (17)



Tsubaki's classmate who shares his class duties. Her drooping eyes are her most charming feature. She knows Tsubaki and Urabe are dating, and what their "routine" is.

Youko Tsubaki (24)



Akira's sister, seven years his senior. She handles all the housework in place of their mother, who died when they were young. Akira is highly indebted to her.

Characters

Mikoto Urabe (17)



A transfer student who joined Tsubaki's class. She can convey her own feelings through her drool, as well as pick up on Tsubaki's feelings through his. She's antisocial and everything she says and does is mysterious, but her ideas about love are very pure. Her hobby is using scissors, which she can use to cut up anything.

Akira Tsubaki (17)



The protagonist of the story. His bizarre relationship with Urabe began after he licked her drool one day. He is as interested in girls as any boy his age, but Urabe takes the lead in their relationship and Tsubaki can't seem to initiate any progress between them.

ALL
OVER
AGAIN...

I'M
REALIZING

GULP

I'VE
NEVER SEEN
HER QUITE
LIKE THIS
BEFORE...

MY
GIRLFRIEND...

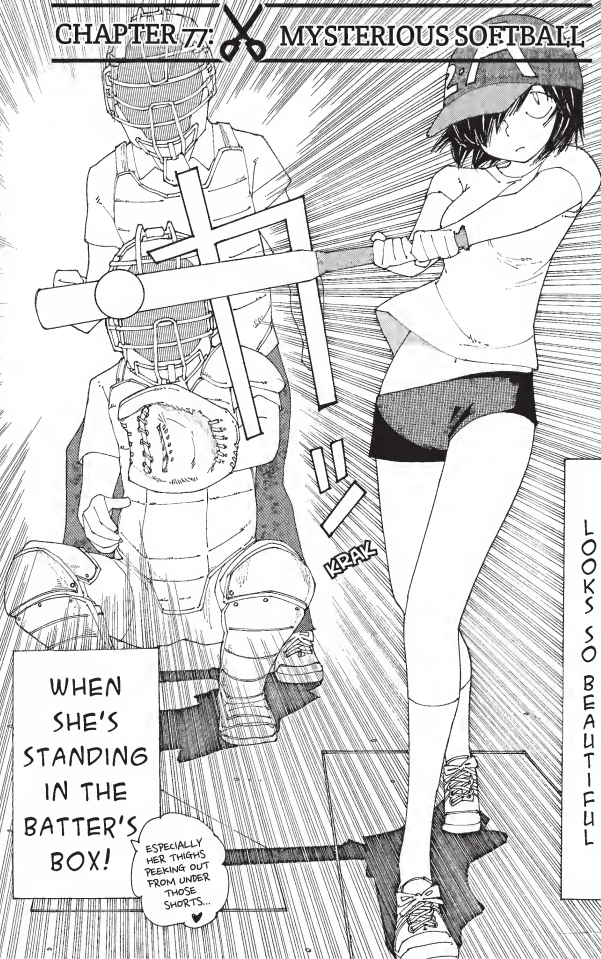
WHOOSH

URABE!

YOU
CAN
DO
IT!!

VIC

TORY



WHEN
SHE'S
STANDING
IN THE
BATTER'S
BOX!

ESPECIALLY
HER THIGHS
PEEKING OUT
FROM UNDER
THOSE
SHORTS...

LOOKS SO BEAUTIFUL

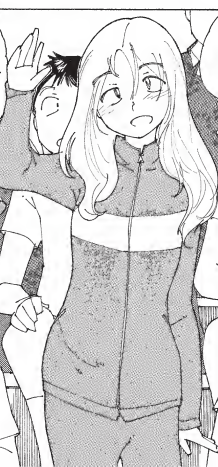
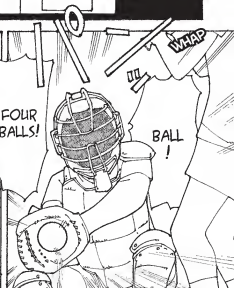


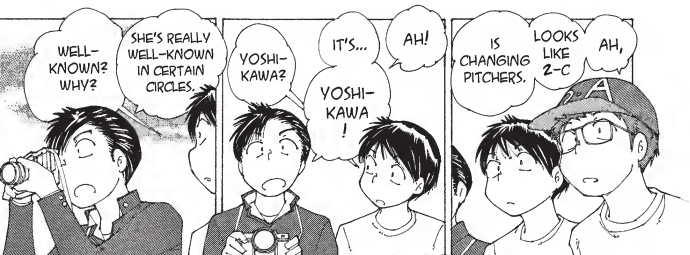
NOW
IT'S THE
BOTTOM OF
THE 3RD
INNING,
AND WE'RE
UP BY 2
POINTS.

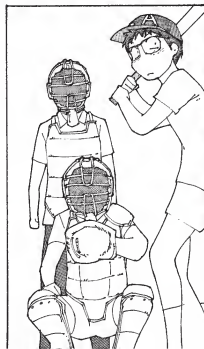
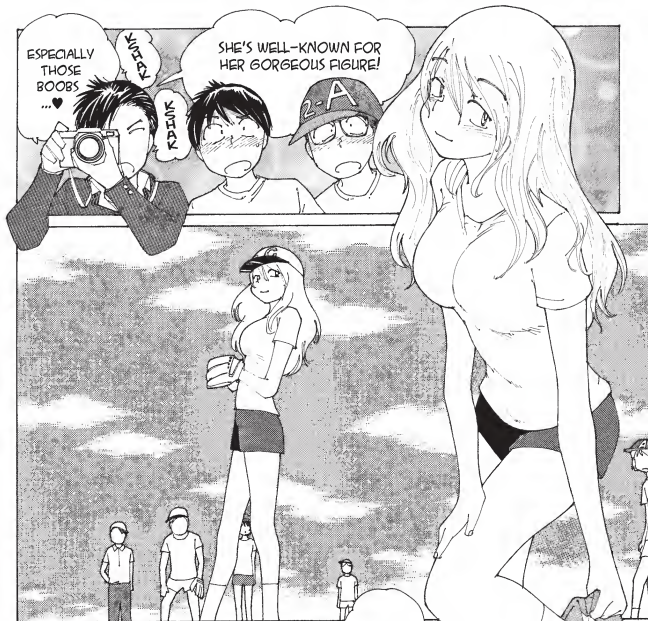
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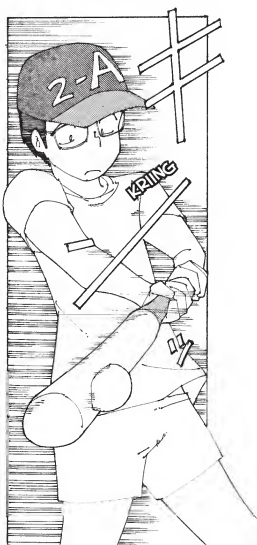
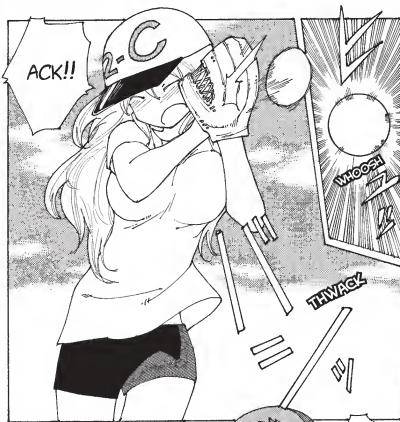
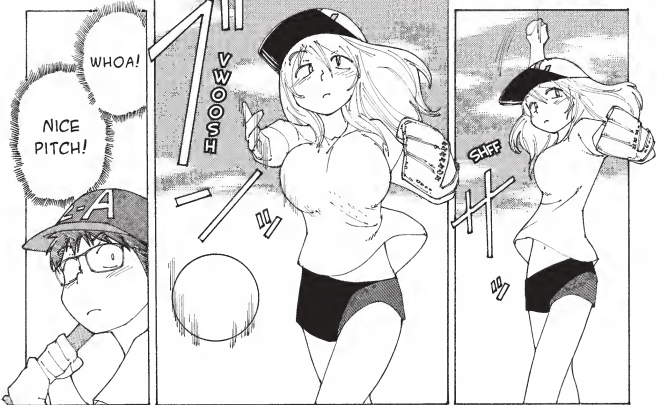
AND
MADE
IT TO
THE
FINALS.

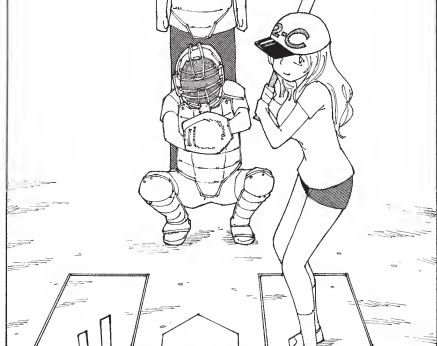
OUR
CLASS,
2-A,
WENT
ON A
WINNING
STREAK,









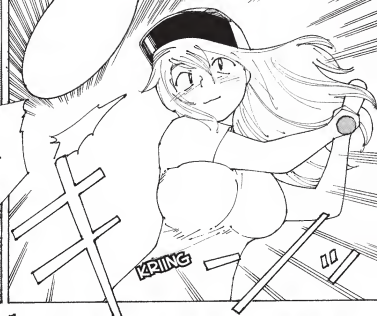


I GUESS
SHE IS
PRETTY
CUTE...





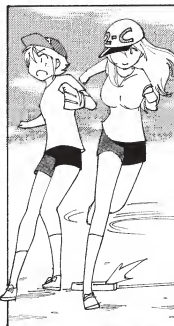
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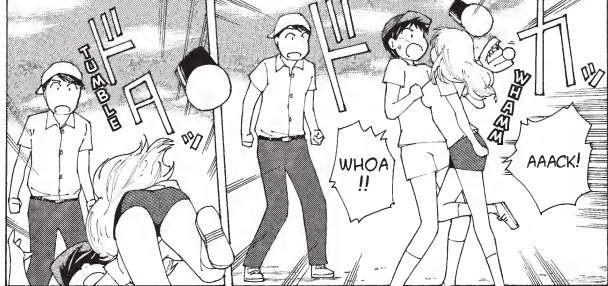


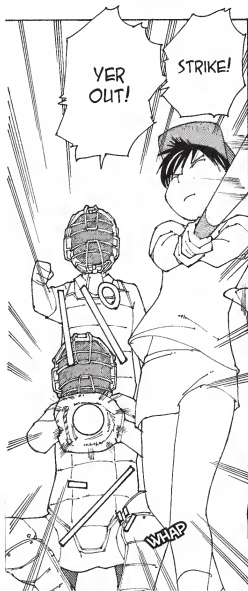
HUH?



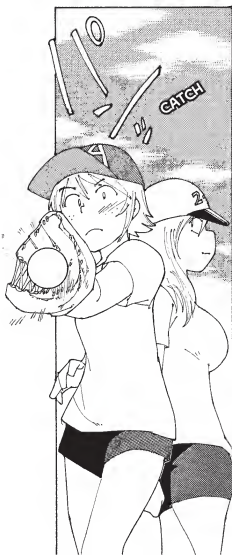
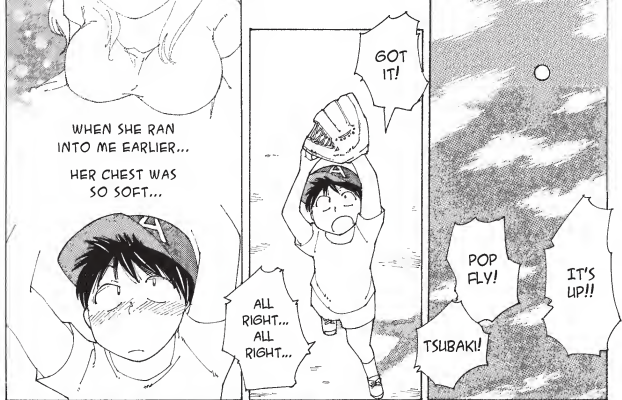
TSUBAKI!



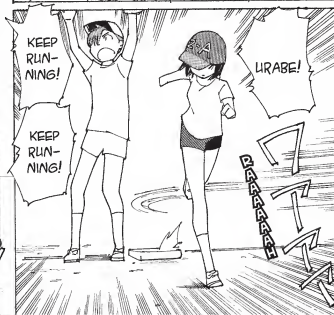


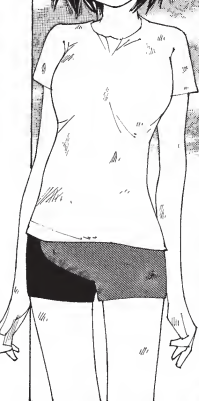


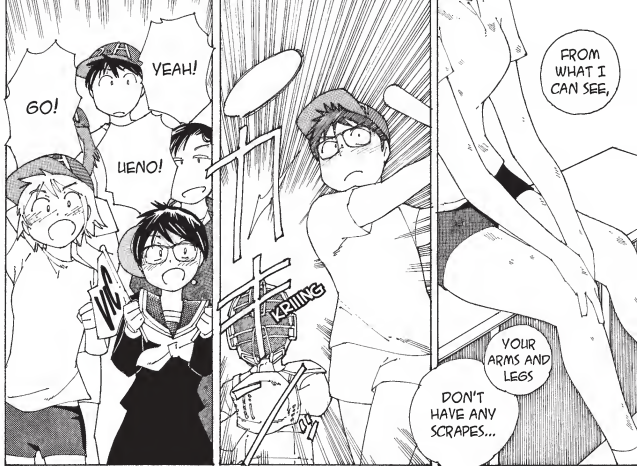


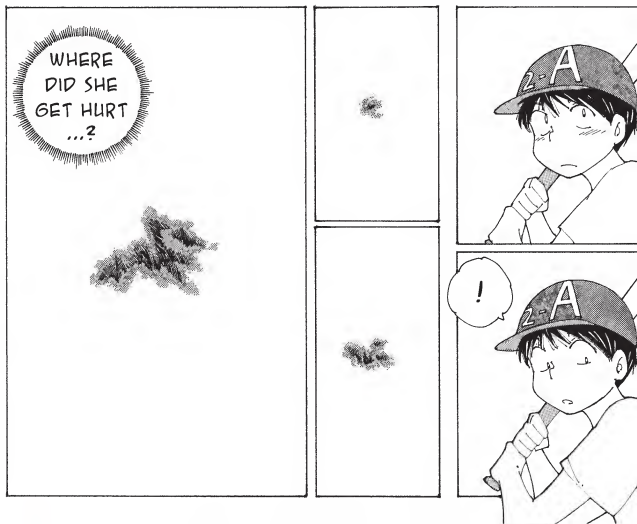
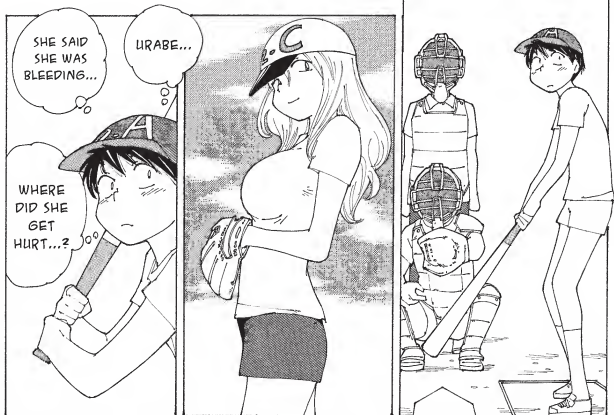








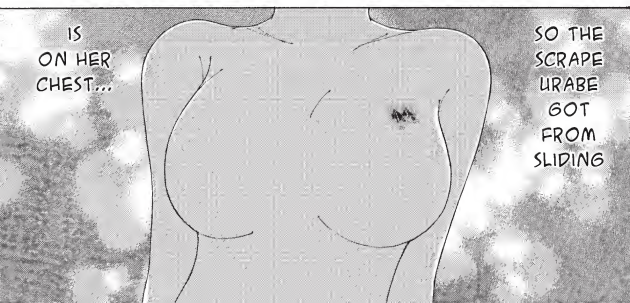






MY CHEST

IS
BLEEDING
...



IS
ON HER
CHEST...

SO THE
SCRAPE
URABE
GOT
FROM
SLIDING

SHE HURT
HERSELF...
SCRAPED
HER
CHEST
UNTIL IT
BLED...

URABE IS
TRYING
SO HARD.

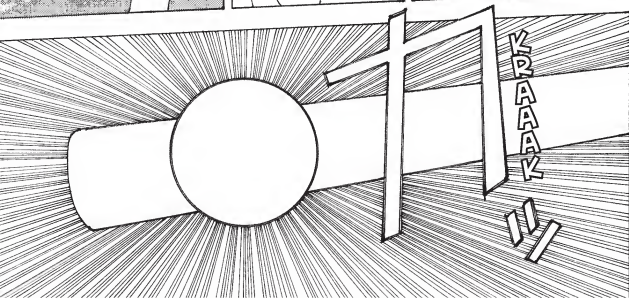
AND
YET
I...

WHAT ON
EARTH AM I
DOING...?

CRIP



THE
ONLY
BREASTS
FOR
ME...



KRAAK

RAAAAAH

SIMPLE-
MINDED...

HE
REALLY
IS

WHOOOOOOOSH

ARE
URABE'S
BREASTS
!!

THAT'S... BUT

TMP



✂ END OF CHAPTER 77



CHAPTER 78:

✂ MYSTERIOUS DRESS



HUH?

IF
YOU
LIKE,

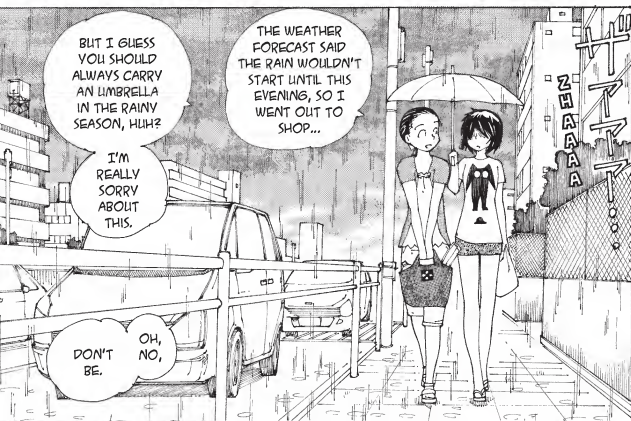
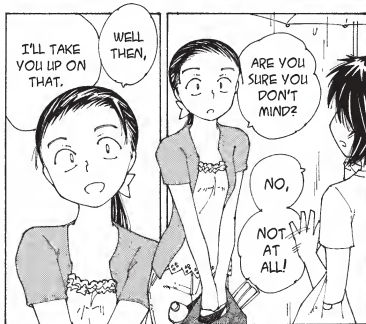
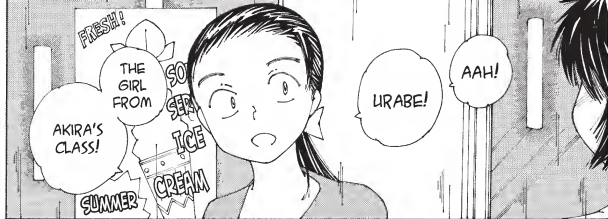
I
COULD

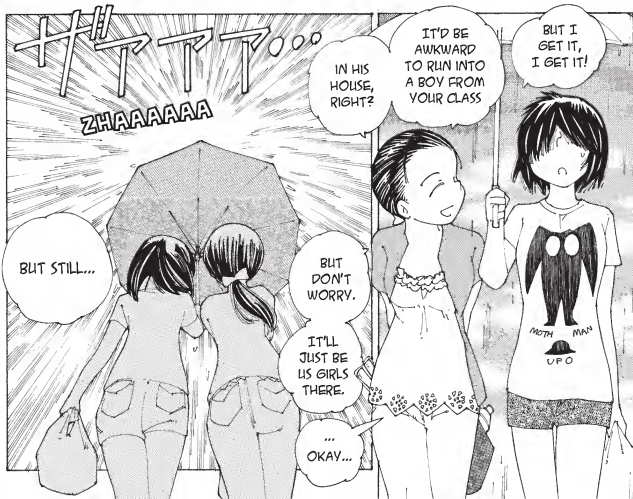
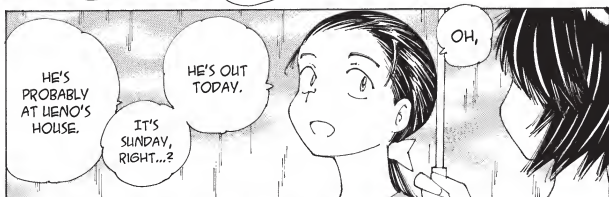
SHARE MY
UMBRELLA
WITH YOU...

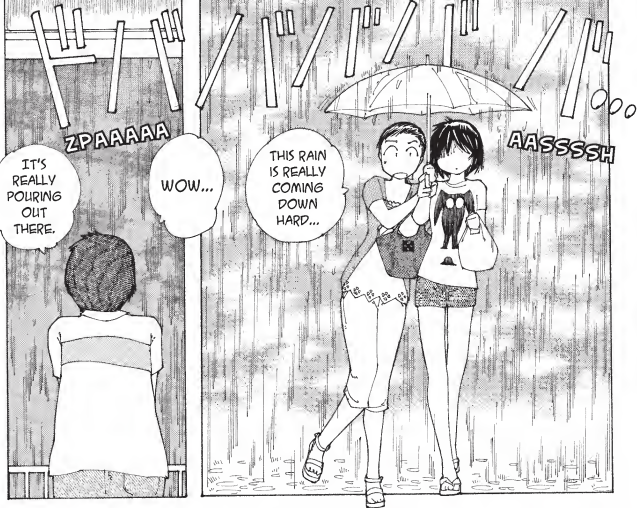
PRE-
SALE
TICKET
NOW
ON
SALE!

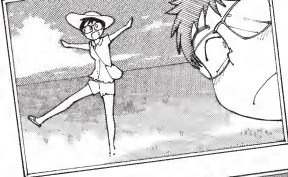
STYRIA ROAD

BURNABLE TRASH



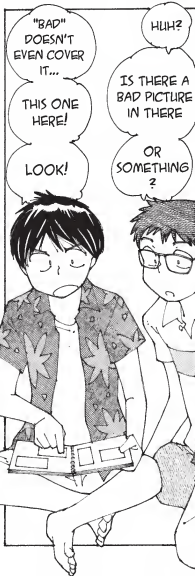






YOU'VE
REALLY
BEEN TO

A LOT OF
DIFFERENT
PLACES WITH
OKA...



"BAD"
DOESN'T
EVEN COVER
IT...

THIS ONE
HERE!

LOOK!

HUH?

IS THERE A
BAD PICTURE
IN THERE

OR
SOMETHING
?



WHAT'S
UP WITH
THIS?

HEY,
HEY...!

THIS
PICTURE!



THAT'S RIGHT,
WE ALWAYS TAKE
PICTURES WHEREVER
WE GO.

OH,

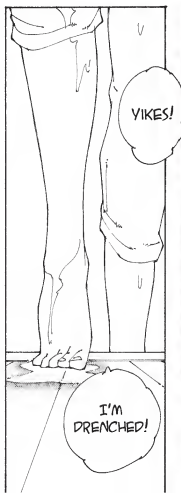
THE
ALBUM
?

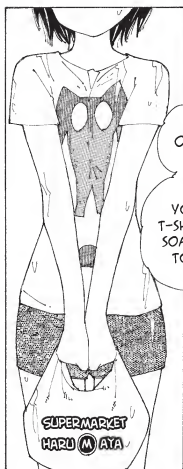
I'VE GOTTA THINK
ABOUT WHERE WE
SHOULD GO OVER
THE SUMMER...

THE RAINY
SEASON
SHOULD BE
OVER SOON.

HUH?

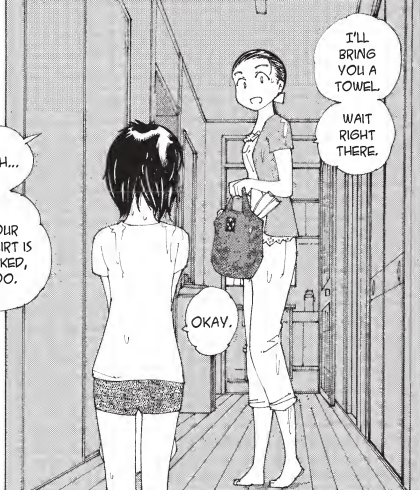






OH...

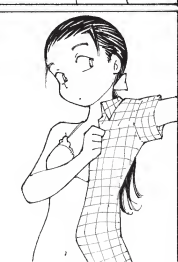
YOUR
T-SHIRT IS
SOAKED,
TOO.



I'LL
BRING
YOU A
TOWEL.

WAIT
RIGHT
THERE.

OKAY.



THANK
YOU.

OH...

OKAY,



WOULD
YOU
LIKE TO
CHANGE?

YOU CAN
WEAR
SOMETHING
OF
MINE.







SO
I STOPPED
WEARING IT
SO OFTEN.

WHENEVER
I WORE IT
ANYWHERE,

BUT AKIRA
ALWAYS
HATED IT

HUH...?



BUT
WHENEVER
I TRIED TO
WEAR IT
OUTSIDE...

I'M NOT
SURE
WHY.



YOU
SHOULD
WEAR
SOMETHING
ELSE.

SIS,

YOU'RE
WEARING
THAT
AGAIN?



HE'D SAY
THAT EVERY
TIME!

I
WONDER
WHY...

WELL, HE
HAD JUST
STARTED
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.



BUT IT'S
SUCH A CUTE
DRESS...

WHY
DIDN'T HE
LIKE IT?

TSUBAKI
DID...?



アアアア...
ZHAAAAAAAA...

I GUESS HE
WAS JUST AT AN
AWKWARD AGE?

WELL...

IT'S A
REALLY
AWFUL
FEELING.

BUT
WHEN OTHER
GUYS SHOW
INTEREST IN YOUR
OWN SISTER AS A
WOMAN...

MEN

MEN

MEN

MEN

MEN

MEN

MEN

HAVE
ANY
SISTERS,
RIGHT
?

YOU
DON'T

NO,

JUST AN
OLDER
BROTHER.

SO YOU
PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND...

I'VE
WANTED
TO TELL YOU
THIS FOR
AGES,

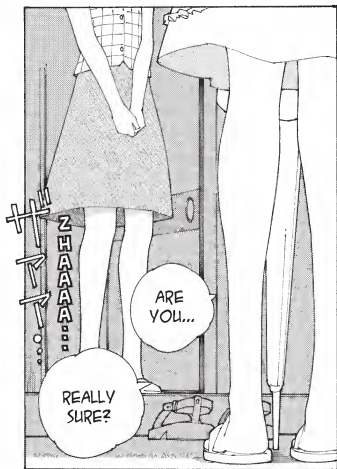
SO I'LL
SAY IT
NOW!

UENO,

LISTEN...

WH...

WHAT?



YOU'LL
CONTINUE
TO LOOK
AFTER

AND
I
HOPE

AKIRA IN
CLASS.

SO
I'D LIKE
YOU

TO
KEEP THAT
DRESS.

AND
BESIDES, IT
LOOKS

MUCH
BETTER
ON YOU
NOW.

I
WILL
!

AH...

OH...

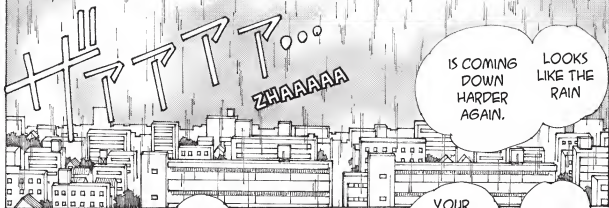
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.

THANK
YOU
FOR
HAVING
ME...









OF
THIS
DRESS
?

CAN YOU
TELL ME

WHAT
YOU
THINK



HM?

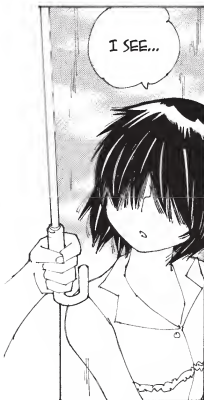
TSUBAKI
...



YOUR
SHOULDER'S
NOT WET,
IS IT?

URABE,

A
LITTLE,
BUT IT'S
OKAY.



I SEE...



IT LOOKS
GREAT ON
YOU.

YOU
LOOK
REALLY
CUTE.



DID YOU
JUST BUY
IT?

I'VE
NEVER SEEN
YOU WEAR THAT
ONE BEFORE.

OH...









URNS
VERY SEE-
THROUGH.

WHEN
IT GETS
WET,

I
COULD SEE
RIGHT
THROUGH
IT...

I'M
HOME!

AND WHEN
SHE GOT
CAUGHT IN A
DOWNPOUR
ONE DAY...

WHEN MY
SISTER WAS
IN COLLEGE,
SHE USED
TO WEAR
THAT DRESS,

I GOT
REALLY
WORRIED...

IF I SAW HER
WEARING IT ON
DAYS WHEN IT
LOOKED LIKE
RAIN,

FROM
THEN
ON,

OR THE
GIRL I
LOVE,

I JUST
DON'T WANT
MY SISTER,

HAVING
OTHER
GUYS STARE
AT HER LIKE
THAT.

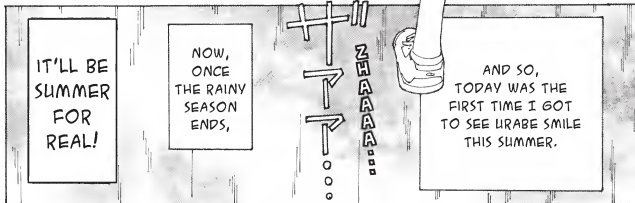
GUYS ARE
PERVERTED
CREATURES,
YOU KNOW!

I KNEW
GUYS ON
THE STREET
WOULD
STARE AT
HER!

MYSELF
INCLUDED!

WHEN THE
WEATHER'S
CLEAR...

SO YOU CAN
WEAR THAT
DRESS



LEAVING
THE
KAZAMIDAI
HIGH
SWIMMING
POOL IN
PLAIN
VIEW OF
THE BOYS
ON THE
FIELD...

LAST
YEAR,
THERE
WAS
ONLY
A CHAIN
LINK
FENCE,







WOULD
LOOK GOOD
ON YOU,
URABE.

I THINK A
BIKINI LIKE
THAT

THE ONE
SUWANO'S
WEAR-
ING.

PWAH

PLEASE
RETURN TO
THE FACULTY
OFFICE
IMMEDI-
ATELY.

MS.
YAMAZAKI!
MS.
YAMAZAKI!

A VISITOR
IS HERE TO
SEE YOU.

HUH?

HERE
WE GO.

HEY,
THERE...

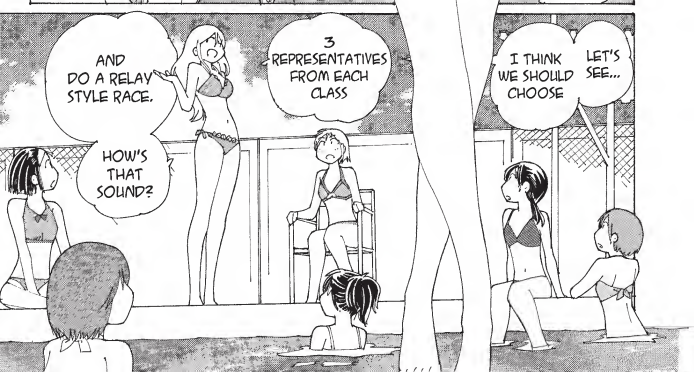
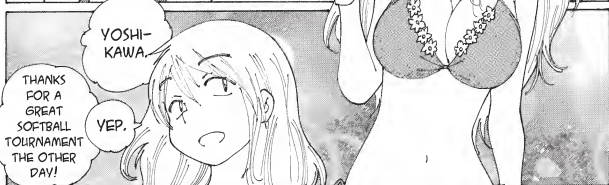
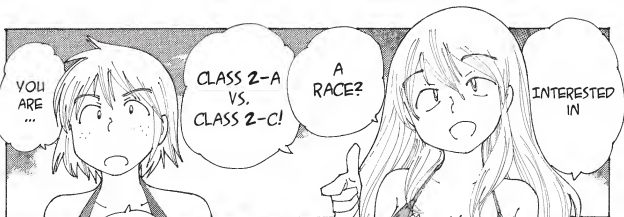
KEEP AN
EYE ON
EVERYONE
FOR ME.

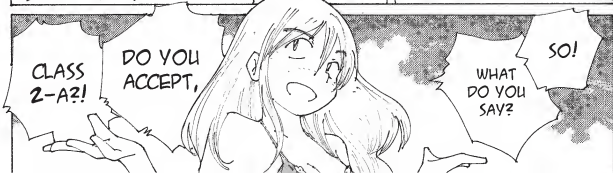
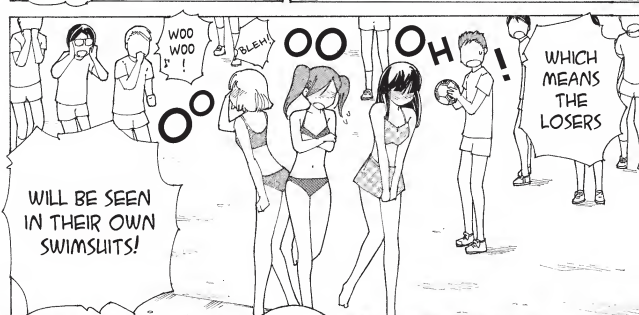
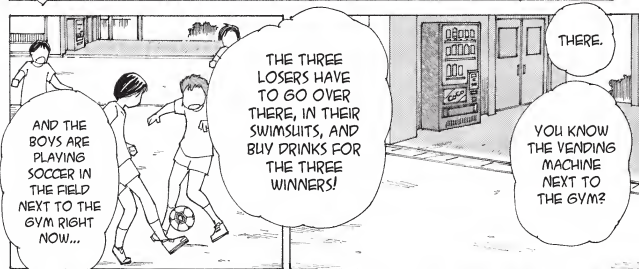
I NEED TO
TAKE OFF
FOR A BIT.

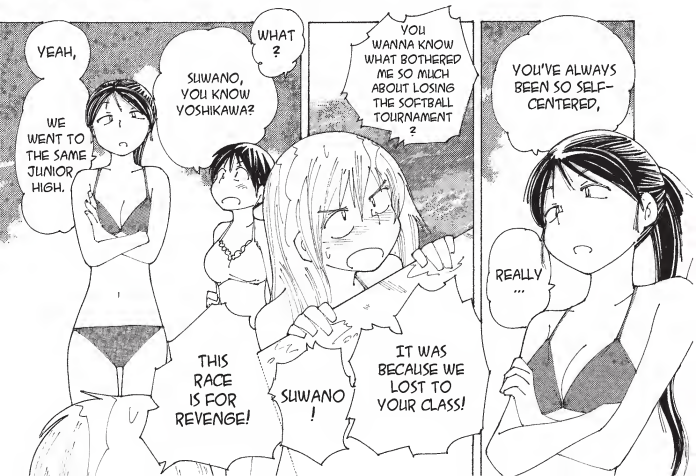
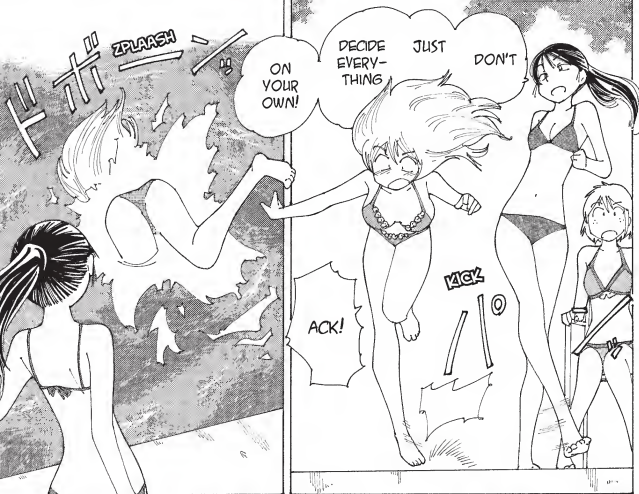
YAJIMA,

OH,

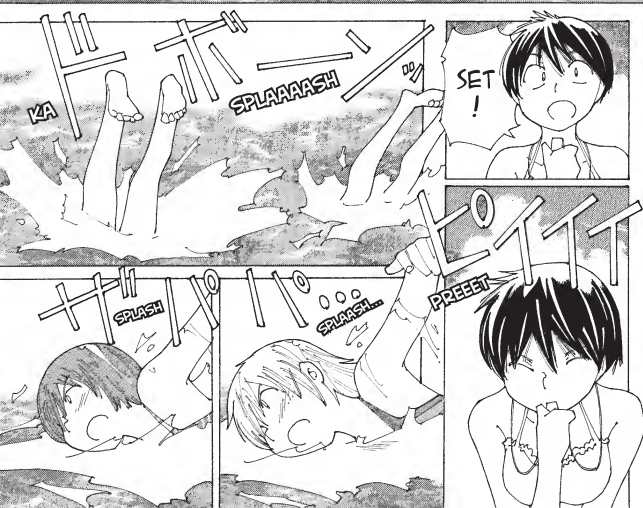
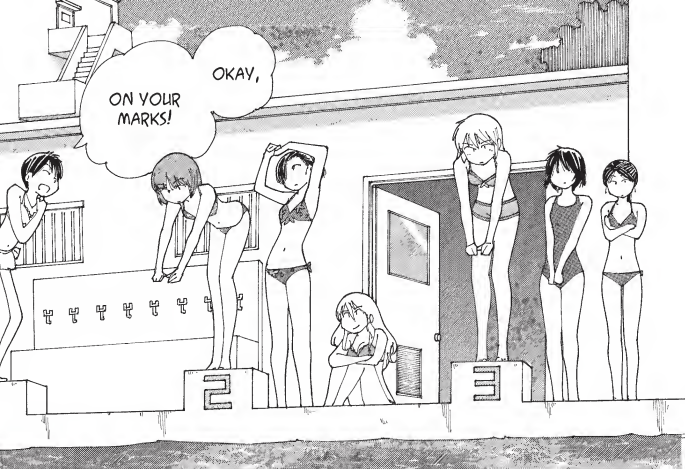
SURE!

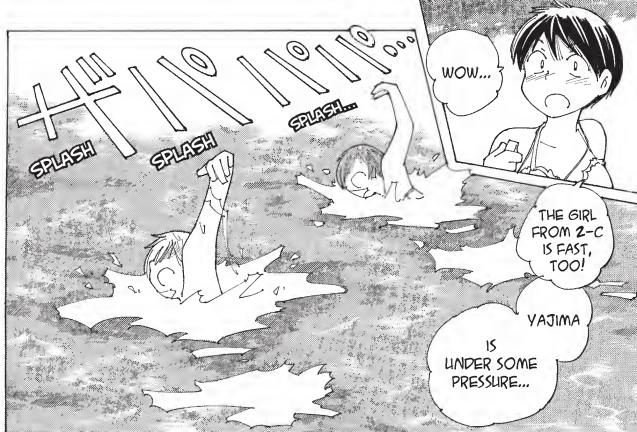












WHEN WE
WERE ON
CLASS DUTY
TOGETHER,

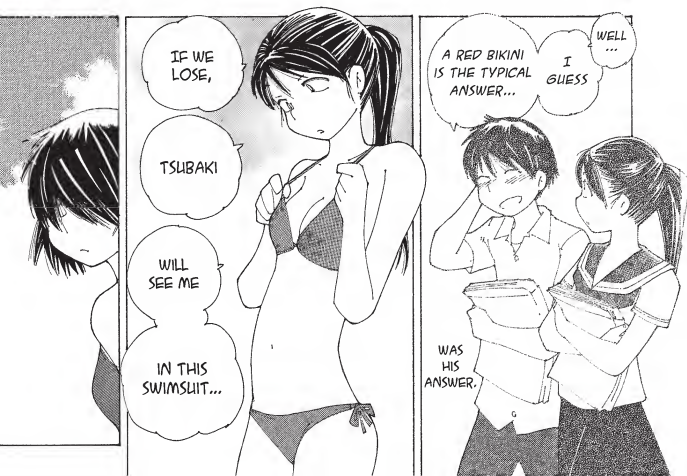
I ASKED
HIM WHAT
KIND

OF SWIMSUIT
HE LIKED ON
A GIRL...

A RED...

BIKINI...

WHA...



IF WE
LOSE,

TSUBAKI

WILL
SEE ME

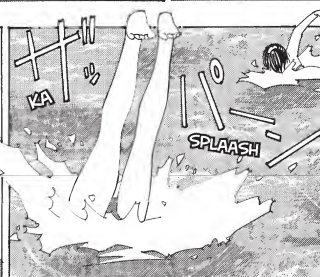
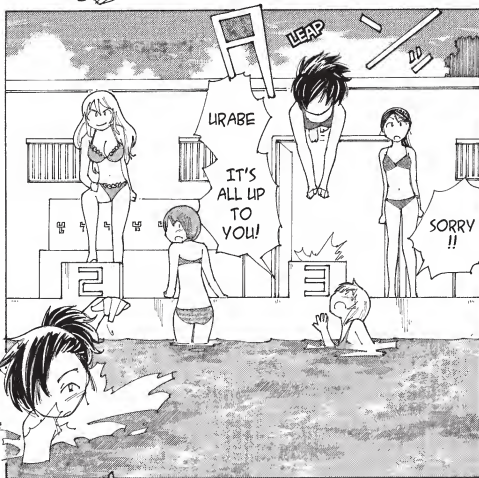
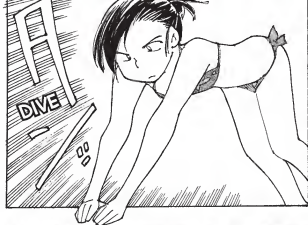
IN THIS
SWIMSUIT...

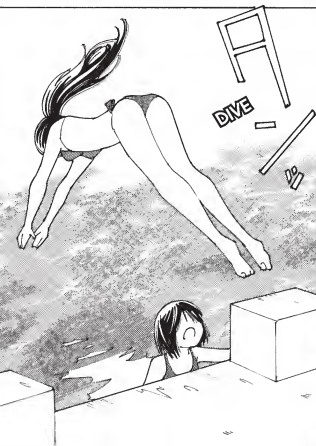
A RED BIKINI
IS THE TYPICAL
ANSWER...

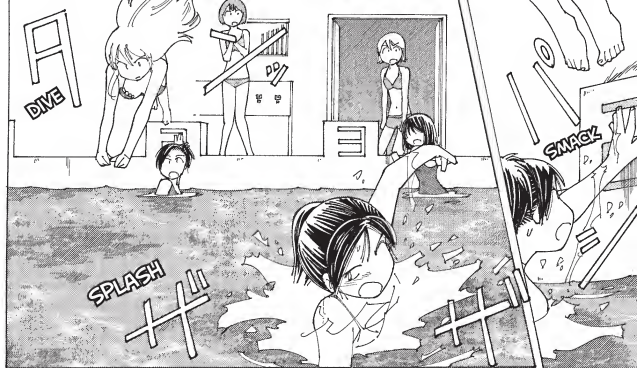
I
GUESS

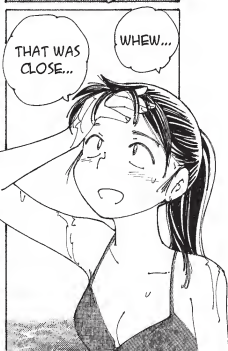
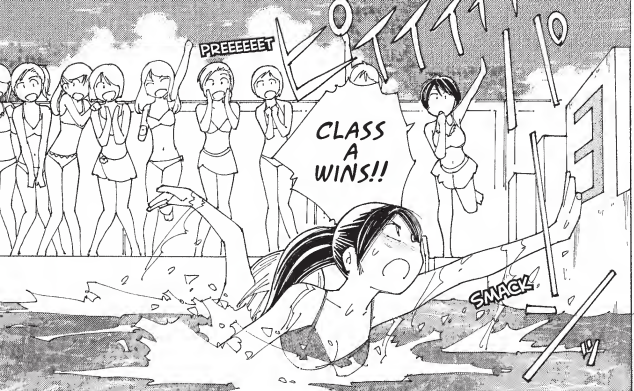
WELL
...

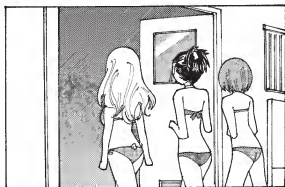
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HIS
ANSWER.

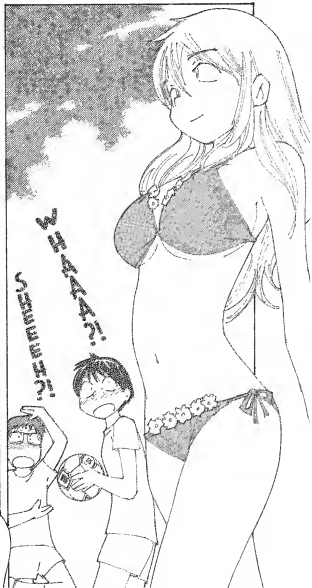
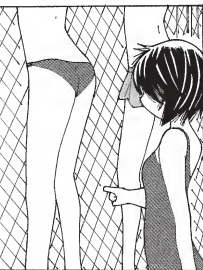
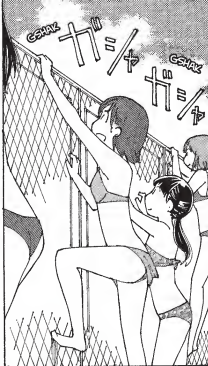
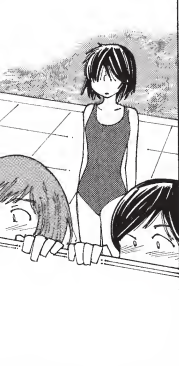


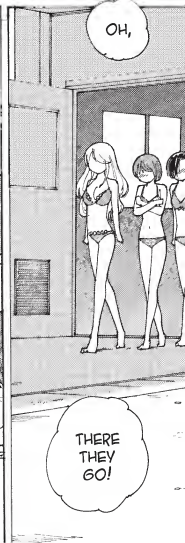
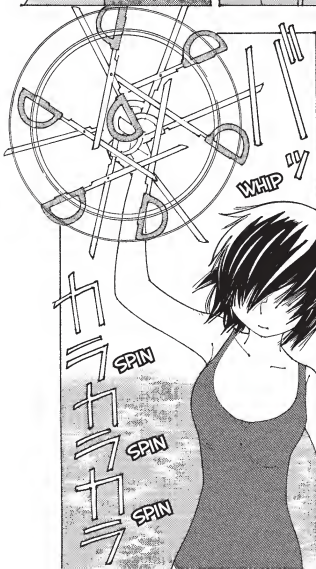
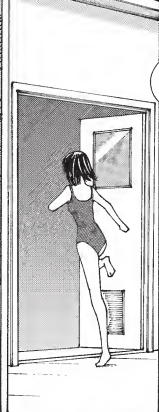
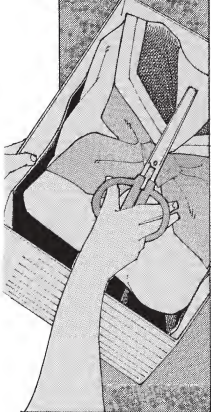






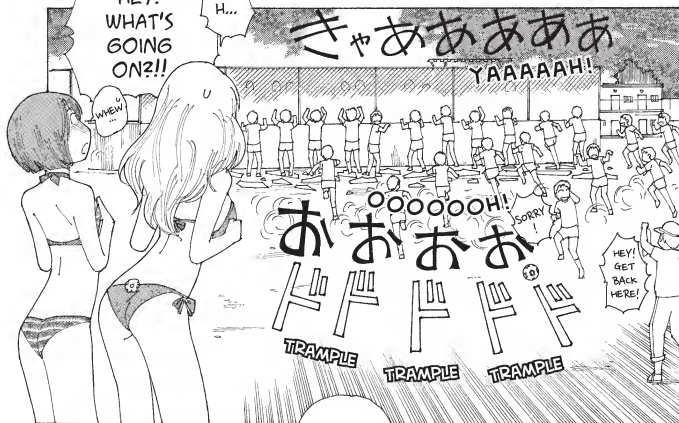
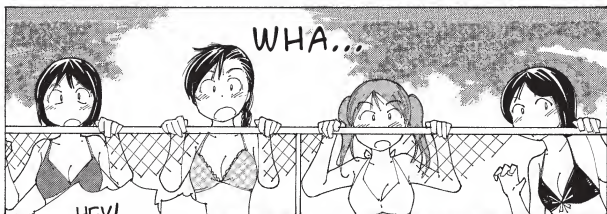














I
WONDER
...



THE WALL
BY THE POOL
SUDDENLY CAME
DOWN.

DURING
GYM CLASS
TODAY,

WAS THAT,
BY ANY
CHANCE,

YOUR
DOING?



BY THE
WAY,

WHAT
KIND OF
SWIMSUIT
WERE YOU
WEARING
?



MY
REGULAR

SCHOOL
SWIMSUIT.



HUH?
WASN'T
TODAY
THE DAY

WHEN
YOU WERE
ALLOWED
TO WEAR
YOUR
OWN?



AH,
WELL,

WAS THE
COLOR OF
GIRLS' BARE
SKIN...
SUDDENLY
ALL I
COULD
SEE

I COULDN'T
TELL WHO
WAS WHO.

DID
YOU
SEE
ANY

OF THE
GIRLS'
SWIMSUITS
?

SO,
TSUBAKI,

WHEN
THE WALL
CAME
DOWN,



NO,

NOT
YET.

HUH?

TO GO
TO THE
BEACH?

YOU
ALREADY
HAVE
PLANS

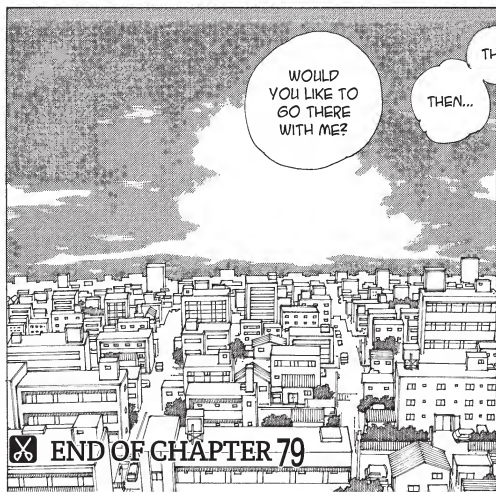


THAT I
WOULD SAVE
MY NEW
SWIMSUIT

I HAD
ALREADY
DECIDED

FOR THE
BEACH THIS
SUMMER,

SO I
USED MY
SCHOOL
SWIMSUIT
TODAY.



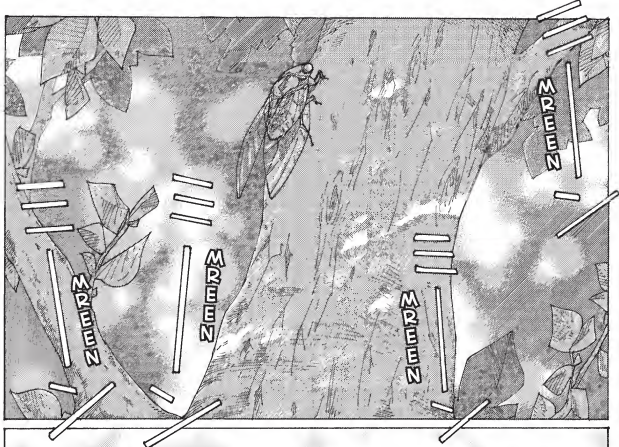
WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
GO THERE
WITH ME?

TH...

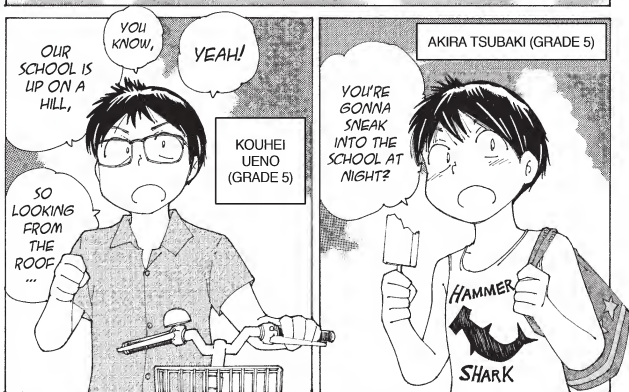
THEN...



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6 YEARS AGO

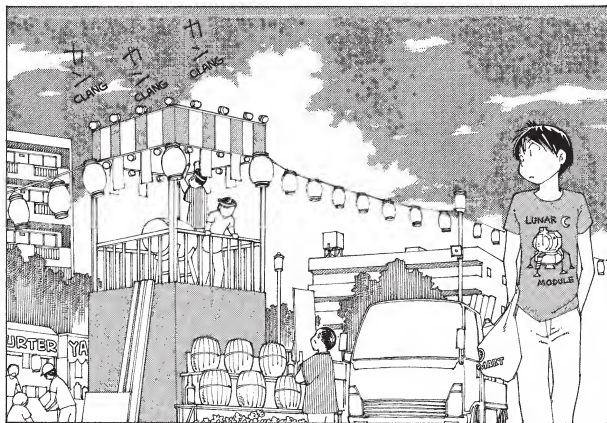




A
GREAT VIEW
OF THE
FIREWORKS.

WE
SHOULD
HAVE

THE PRESENT



HM?

IF WE GO
TOGETHER,

COME
TO
THINK
OF IT,

THERE'S
A FIRE-
WORKS
SHOW
DOWN-
TOWN
TOMOR-
ROW...

PEOPLE
WILL FIND
OUT WE'RE
DATING.

BUT IT'S
KAZAMIDAI'S
FESTIVAL,

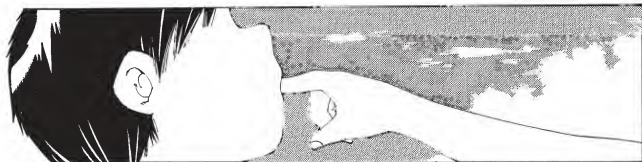
SO A LOT
OF PEOPLE
FROM
SCHOOL WILL
BE THERE.

I WANT
TO INVITE
URABE...

OH, YEAH,
TOMORROW'S
THE FESTIVAL...

AKIRA
TSUBAKI
(GRADE
11)

LUNAR



URABE, HEY,

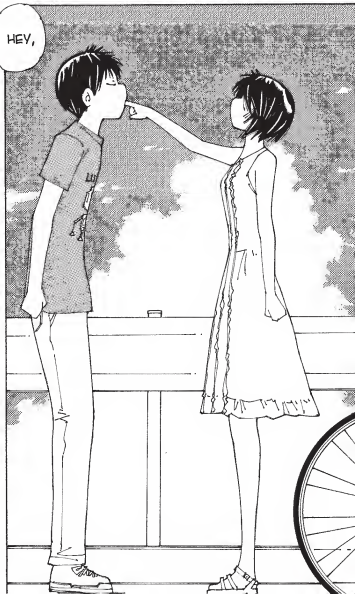
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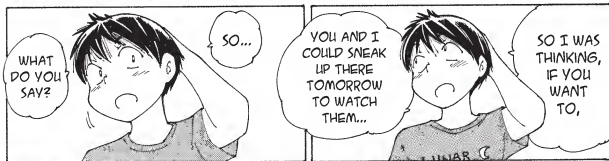
SNUCK INTO OUR SCHOOL AT NIGHT TO WATCH THEM.

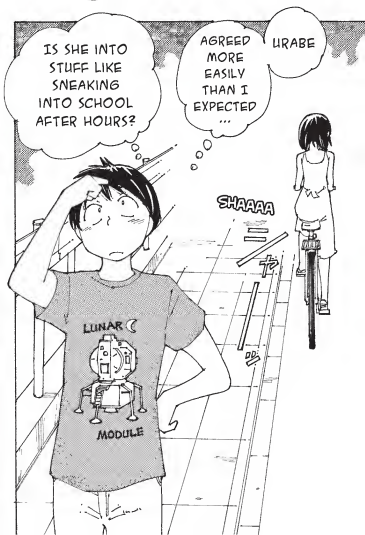
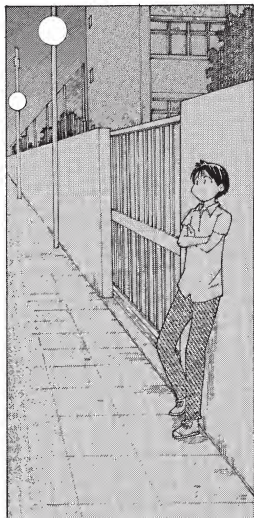
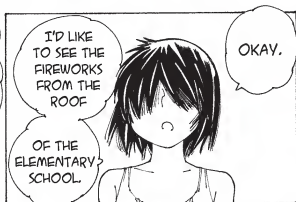
ONCE, WHEN WE WERE KIDS, LIENO AND I

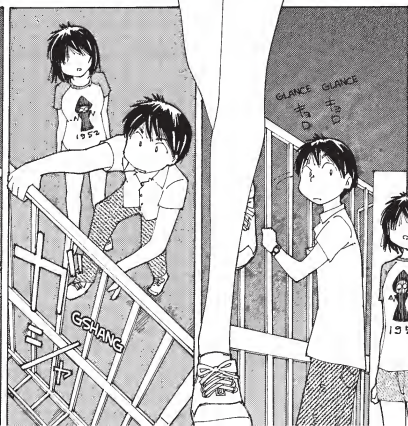
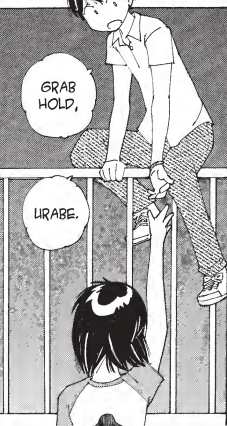
IS UP ON A HILL.

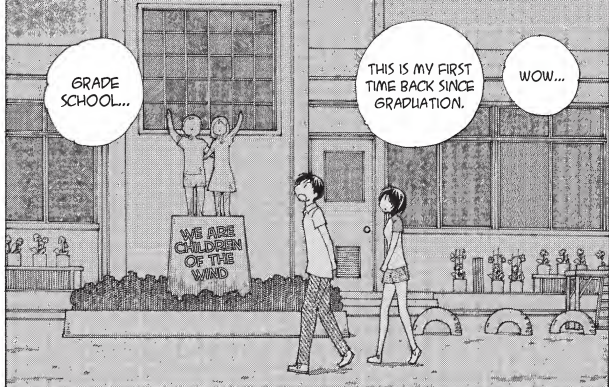
'CAUSE KAZAMIDAI ELEMENTARY











GRADE
SCHOOL...

THIS IS MY FIRST
TIME BACK SINCE
GRADUATION.

WOW...

WE ARE
CHILDREN
OF THE
WIND



OF
COURSE,
WE DON'T
ANYMORE,

WE'D
GRAPPLE AND
EVERYTHING.

WELL,
WE
ACTUALLY
FOUGHT
A LOT
IN GRADE
SCHOOL,
THOUGH.

BUT BACK
THEN, WE
FOUGHT
ABOUT
ONCE A
MONTH,

OVER
THE
DUMB-
EST,
LITTLE
THINGS.

SO,

YOU
GET
ALONG
REALLY
WELL.

YOU AND
HIENO

YOU
SAID

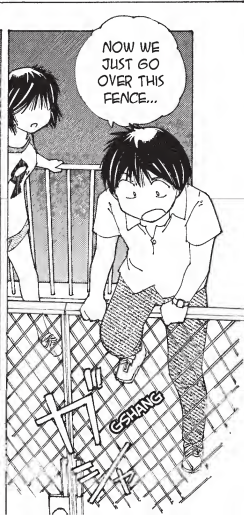
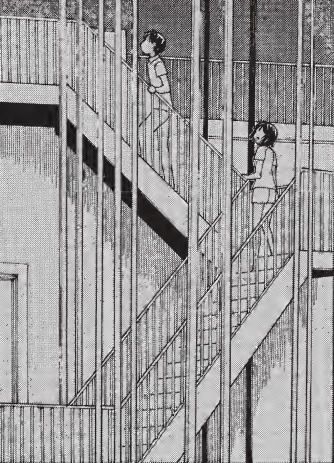
HAVE
BEEN
FRIENDS
SINCE
GRADE
SCHOOL,
HUH?

WE
MET WHEN
WE WERE PUT
IN THE SAME
CLASS IN 4TH
GRADE,

YEAH.

AND WE'VE
BEEN
FRIENDS
EVER
SINCE.

1952

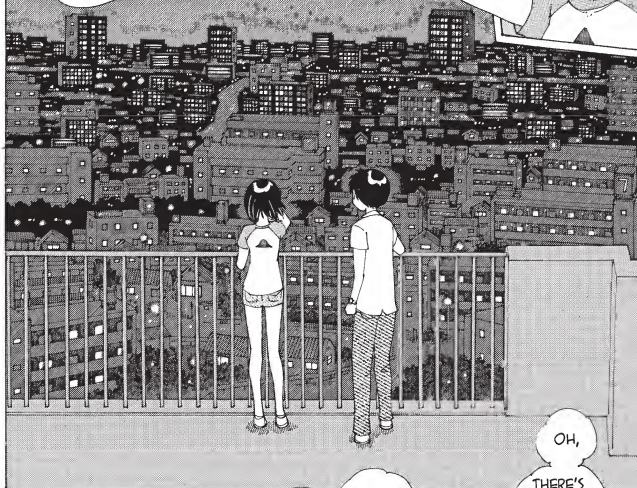


THIS
SCHOOL
IS BUILT ON
THE HIGHEST
POINT IN
TOWN.

YEAH.

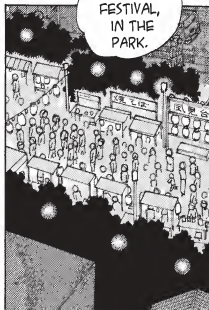
IT'S SO
PRETTY...

WOW...



OH,

THERE'S
THE
FESTIVAL,
IN THE
PARK.



THAT'S
WHY

AS AN
ALTERNATE
PLAN.

I
PICKED
THIS
PLACE

BUT WE'D
PROBABLY
BUMP
INTO
CLASS-
MATES.

I REALLY
WANTED TO
GO THERE
WITH YOU,

THAT'S
RIGHT...



THAT'S ABOUT
10 MORE
MINUTES...

I'M
PRETTY
SURE THE
FIREWORKS
START

AT 8:00.

I CAME UP
HERE WHEN I
WAS IN GRADE
SCHOOL.

REMINDS
ME OF WHEN

LOOKING
AT THE
TOWN AT
NIGHT,

BUT,

STANDING
HERE,

OH...

WHAT'D
WE TALK
ABOUT?

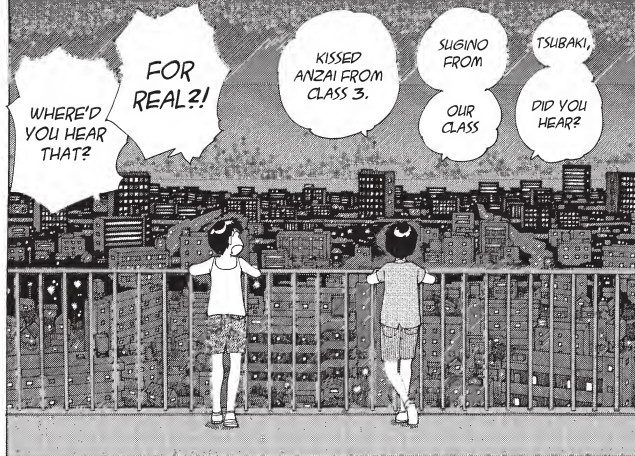
WELL...

WHAT DID
YOU TALK
ABOUT?

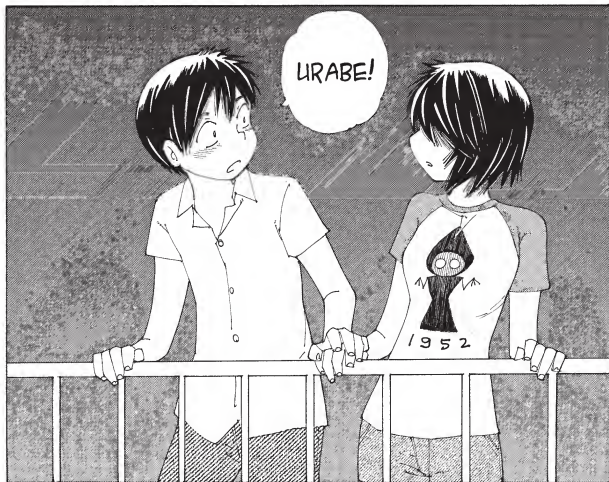
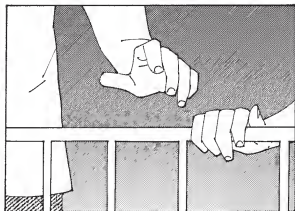
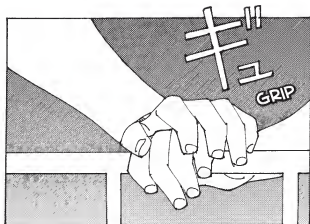
LIKE,

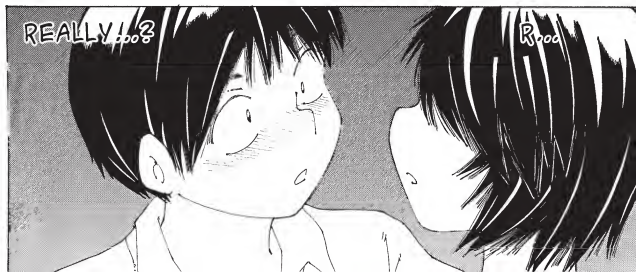
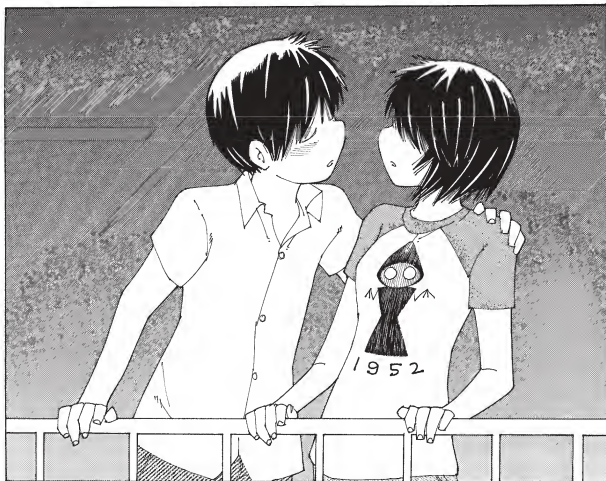
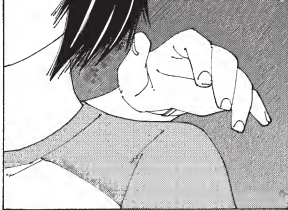
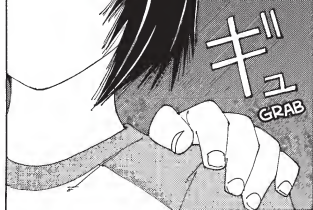
THINGS I
TALKED ABOUT
WITH UENO AT
THE TIME...

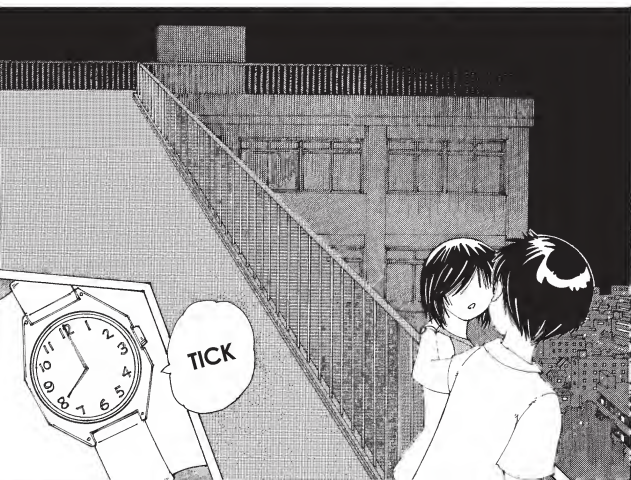
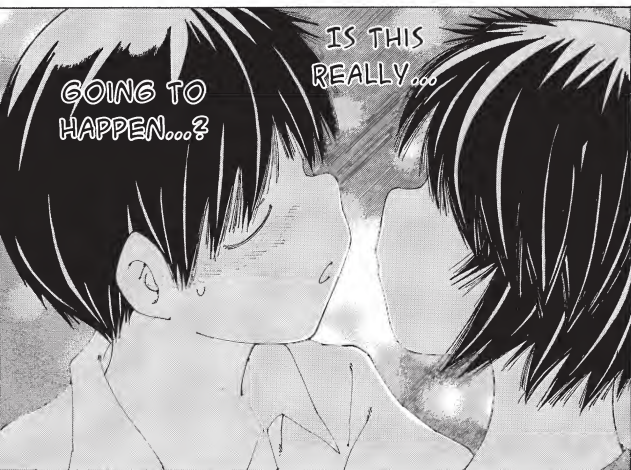
WHAT DOES
IT REMIND
YOU OF?



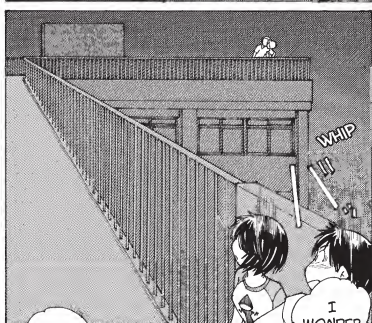


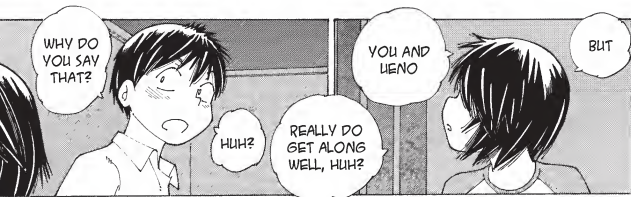








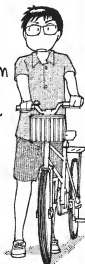






HE CALLED OUT TO ME.

WHEN I TRIED TO IGNORE HIM AND KEEP WALKING...



THEN, THAT DAY, I BUMPED INTO HIM ON THE STREET.





WHO
MADE
THE FIRST
MOVE
TO FIX
THINGS.

IT WAS
USUALLY
HENO

WHENEVER
WE
FOUGHT,

KABOOM



NO WONDER
HE GOT HIS
FIRST KISS
BEFORE I
DID...

BOOM

I GUESS
THAT
MEANS
HE WAS A
LITTLE
MORE
MATURE...



BUT
STILL...

IT REALLY
SEEMED
LIKE I
COULD'VE
KISSED
URABE
BACK
THERE...

I WAS SO
CLOSE,
THOUGH...

KA-
KLUNK

BEEP

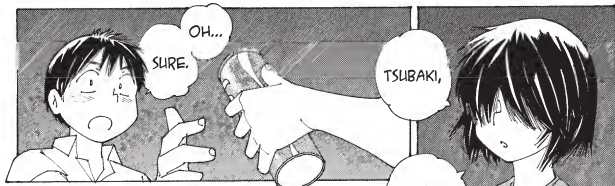
FIN
% GLANCE

EVEN
AFTER WE
ALMOST
KISSED
ON THE
ROOF...



PWAH
はは、

URABE
SEEMS
PRETTY
CALM.



SURE.

OH...

TSUBAKI,



GULP

GULP



WANT A
DRINK?



FZZ...





THERE'S
NO
NEED

TO
SAY ANY
MORE
THAN
THAT.

UENO...!

I'M ENJOYING
THE WAY
URABE AND I
ARE NOW,

SUPER
ENERGIZING
!
THIS
IS

MAN...

あぁぁぁ
FZZZZZZZ

BUT
STILL,

IT'S TRUE
THAT WE
HAVEN'T
KISSED YET,

TSUBAKI!

WELL,

SEE
YA,



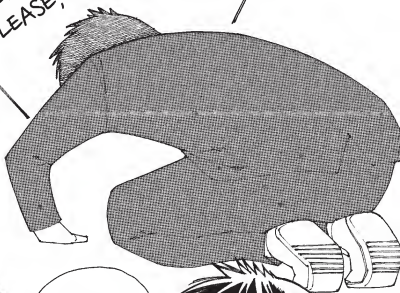
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VERY
WELL!

PLEASE,
PLEASE,
GO OUT WITH ME!
I BEG YOU!



NO,
I
DIDN'T
!!

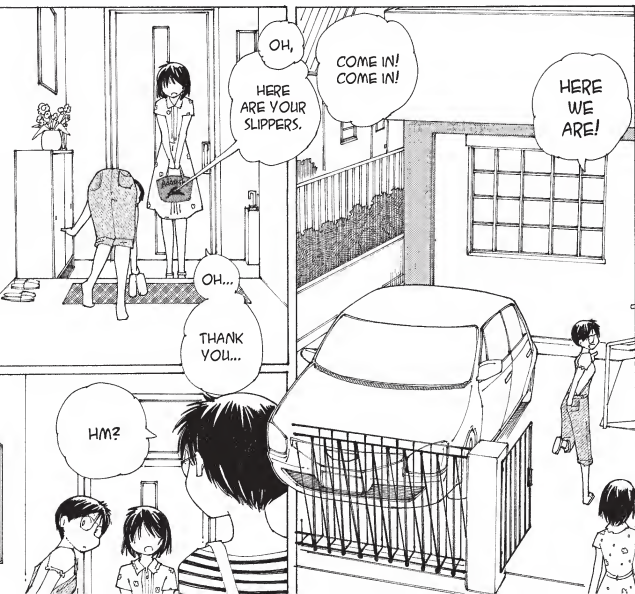
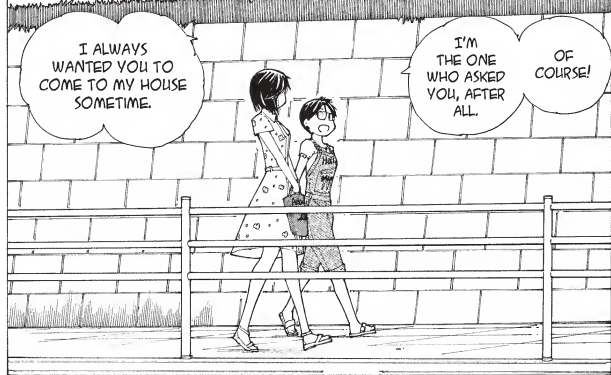
DID YOU
BEG HER TO
GO OUT WITH
YOU

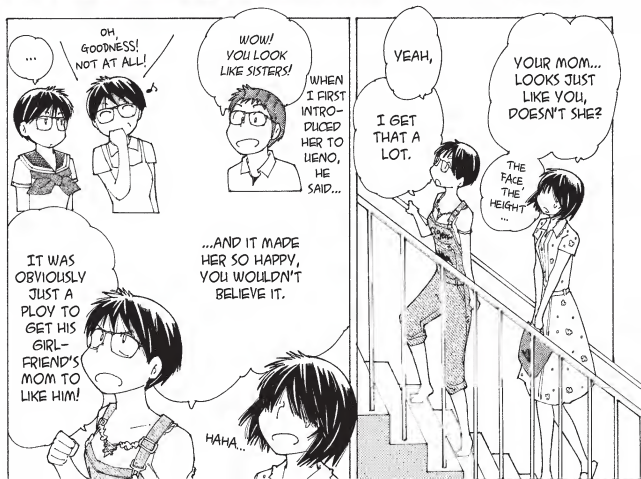
ON YOUR HANDS
AND KNEES?



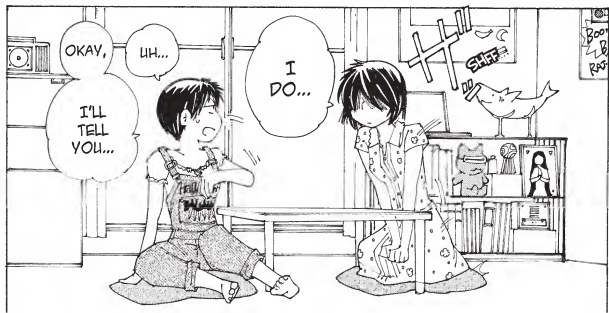
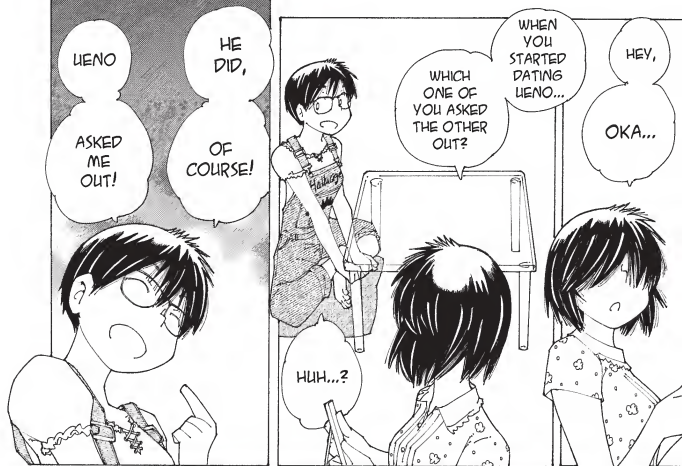






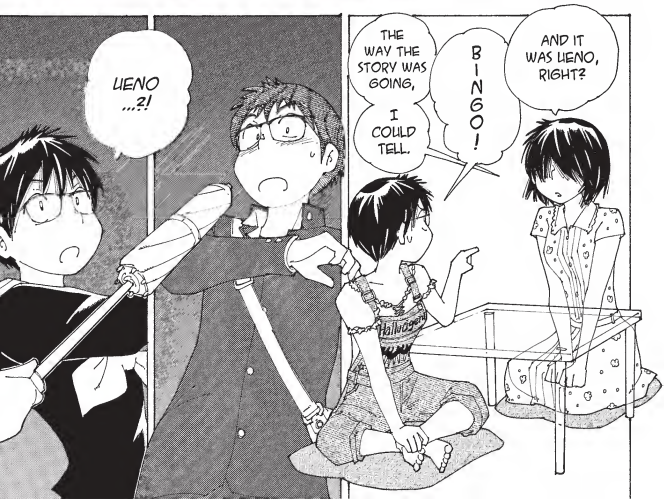
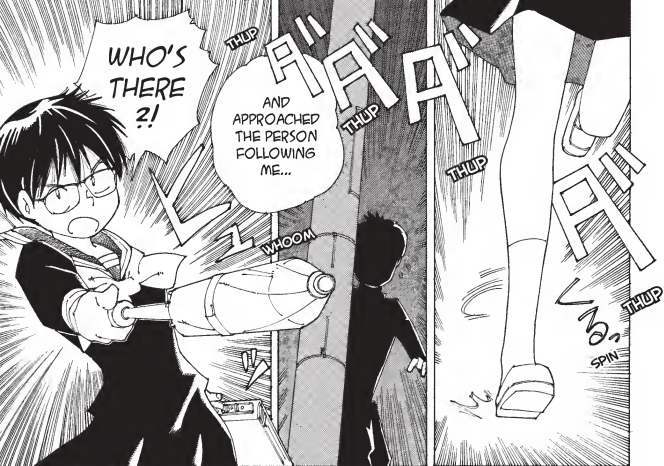
















WHAT
YOU WERE
DOING IN
ADVANCE!

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
TOLD
ME

WOULD
FREAK ME
OUT?!

DIDN'T
YOU THINK
WALKING
BEHIND ME
WITH NO
EXPLANATION



OKAY!

OH...

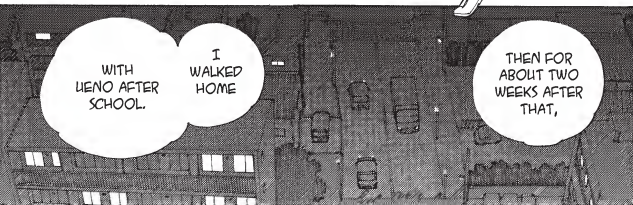
IF WE
WALK HOME
TOGETHER
FROM THE
START,

THERE'S NO
PROBLEM,
RIGHT?

MY
STUDENT
COUNCIL
WORK

USUALLY
LASTS UNTIL
ABOUT 7
O'CLOCK,

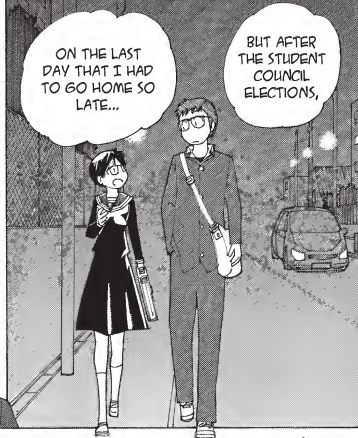
SO
MEET ME
BY THE
SHOE
LOCKERS
THEN!



WITH
UENO AFTER
SCHOOL.

I
WALKED
HOME

THEN FOR
ABOUT TWO
WEEKS AFTER
THAT,





I
DON'T
KNOW
WHICH
ONE YOU
MEAN, SO
YOU GET
IT!

OH,
FORGET
IT!

GRAB

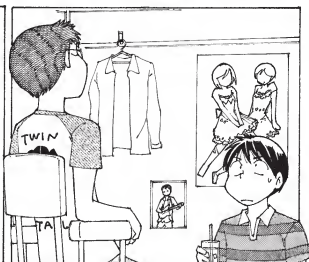
JUST M

















DOESN'T
EVEN
MATTER.

WHO
SAID IT
FIRST

AT THIS
POINT,

...WELL,

I LOVE
HIENO,

AND HIENO
LOVES ME,
SO...

ISN'T IT THE
SAME WITH YOU
AND TSUBAKI?

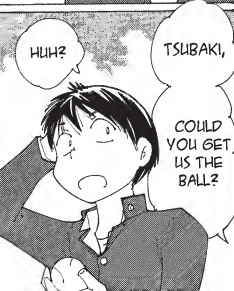
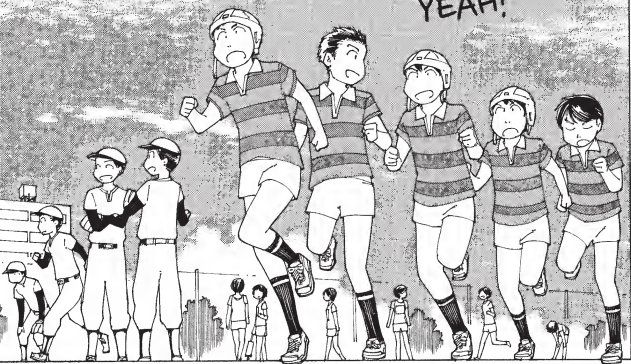
BEFORE
WE EVEN EAT
DINNER...

I FEEL
LIKE...

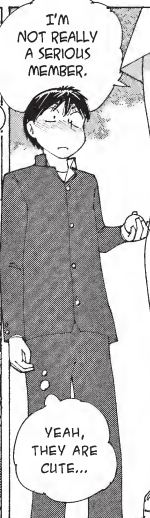
I'M
ALREADY
FULL

FIGHT—!!

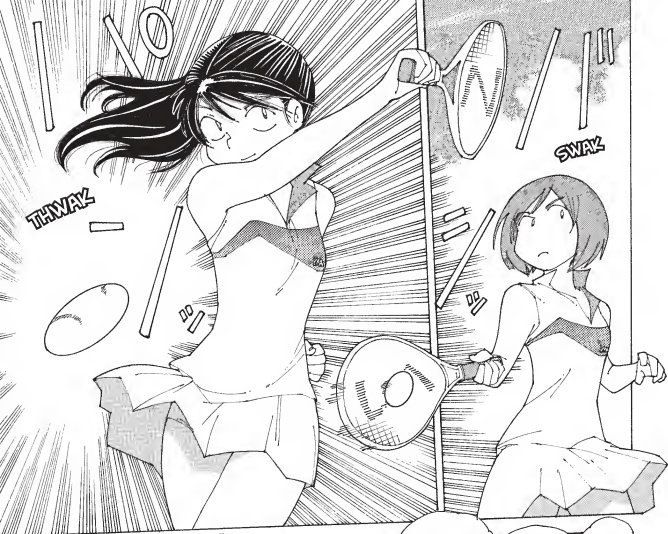
YEAH!

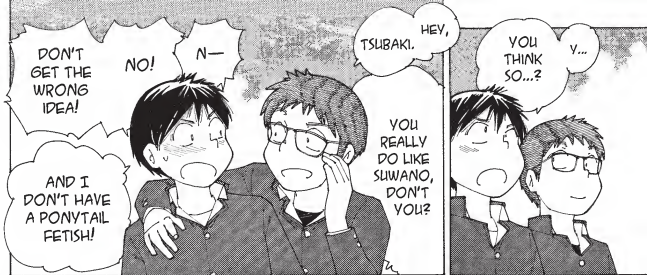


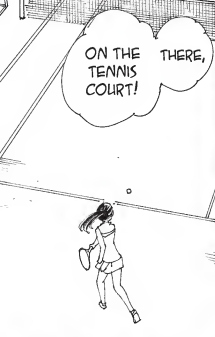












ON THE TENNIS COURT!

THERE,



SUWANO ...?

IS THAT GIRL
PLAYING TENNIS
OVER THERE

HUH?



OKA!

SUWANO!



THE GUYS
WATCHING
FROM THE
SIDE

HM?

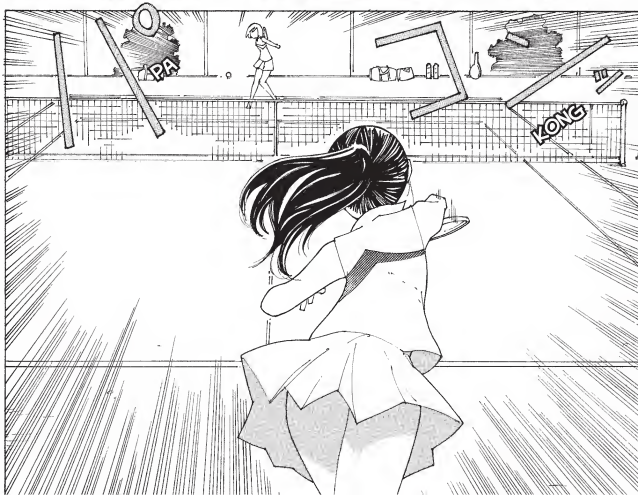
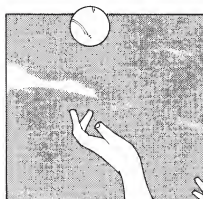
ARE
LIENO
AND
TSUBAKI!

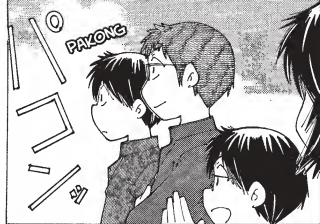


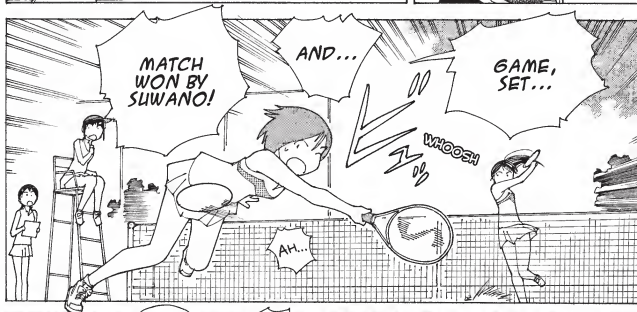
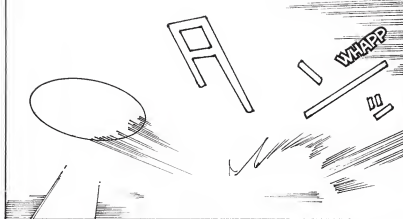
HUH...?

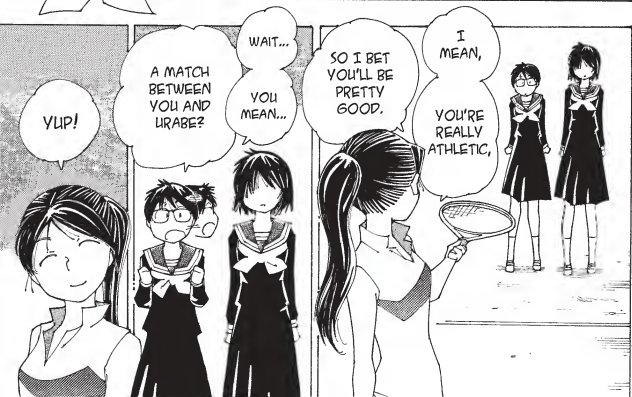
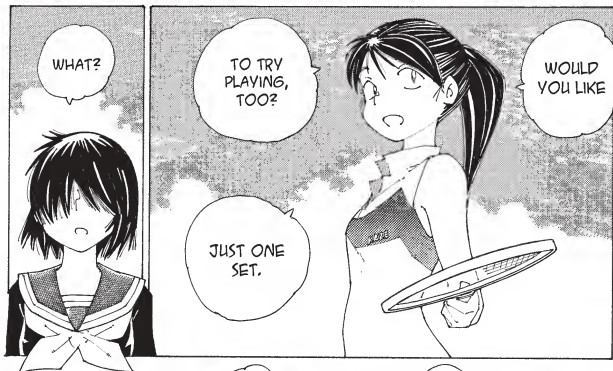
LET'S GO
WATCH,
TOO!

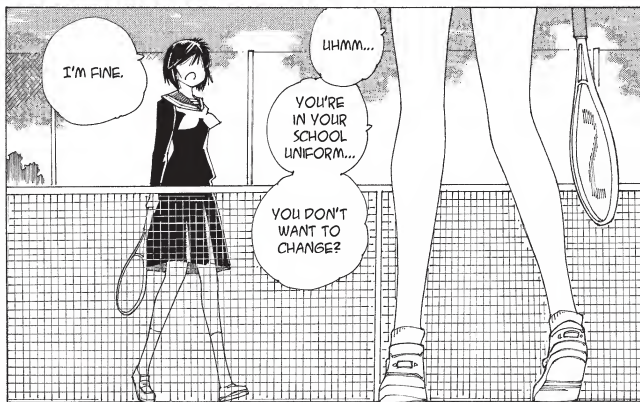
URABE!

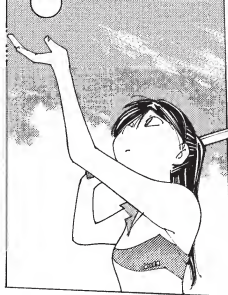


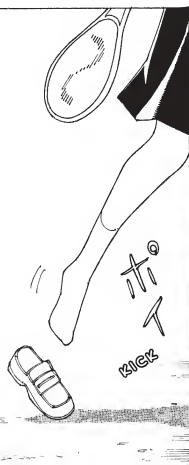
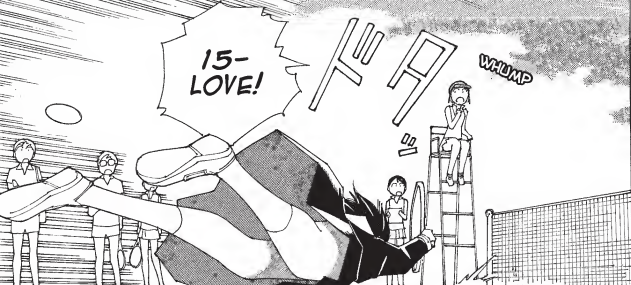




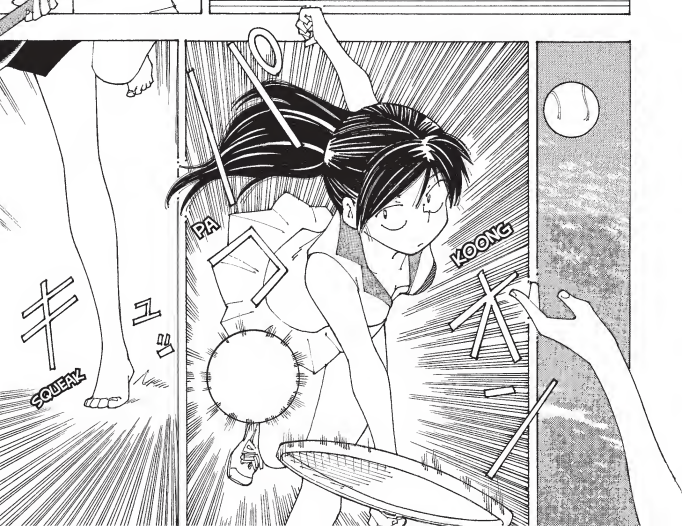
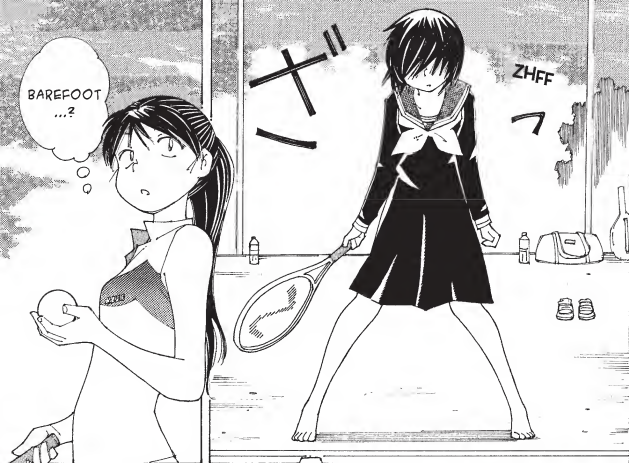


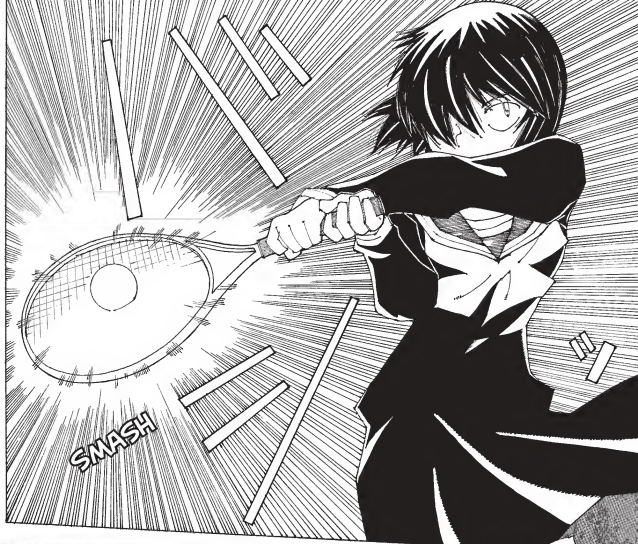












SMASH



YOU
QUICKLY
TURNED THE
TABLES!

BUT
AFTER
YOU
TOOK
YOUR
SHOES
OFF,

WAS
THAT REALLY
YOUR FIRST
TIME PLAYING
TENNIS?

SUWANO
HAD YOU
ON THE
RUN AT
FIRST,

LIRABE, MAN,
YOU WERE
AMAZING!

AS
SOON AS
THE GAME
ENDED,

I
PUT MY
SHOES
BACK
ON

IF
WE STOP
BY THE
PARK?

MIND

TSUBAKI...

SO
I WANT
TO RINSE
OFF MY
FEET.

BUT BEFORE
I KNEW IT,
I WAS SERIOUS
ABOUT IT...

I DIDN'T
REALLY
GO

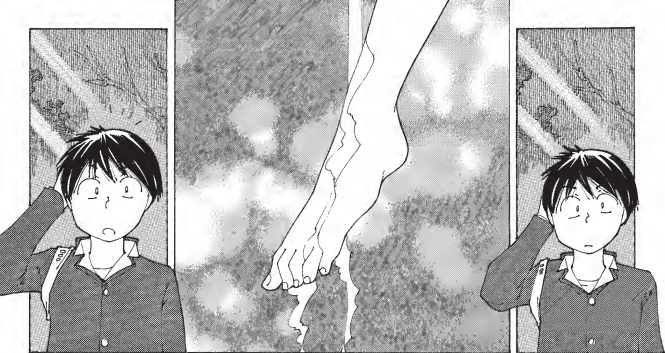
INTO THAT
TENNIS MATCH
WITH SUCH
INTENTIONS...

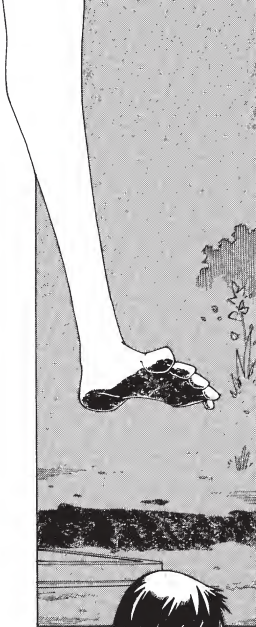
TSUBAKI...

HUH?

SHAAAAA







THIS MUDDY SPOT HERE.

WOULD YOU STEP IN IT WITH YOUR WET FOOT?

WHY...?

JUST DO IT!



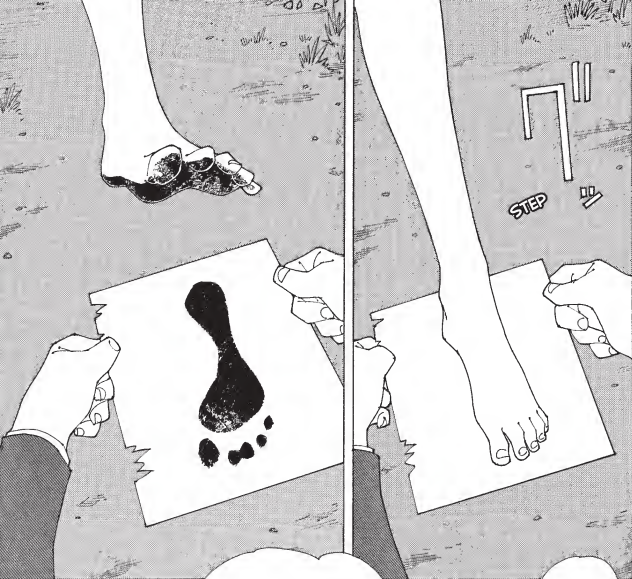
WITH THAT FOOT!

HUH...?



NOW,

STEP ON THIS PAPER





THE BEST
FEET IN THE
WORLD!

YOUR
FEET
ARE



TSUBAKI,

WHAT
ARE
YOU

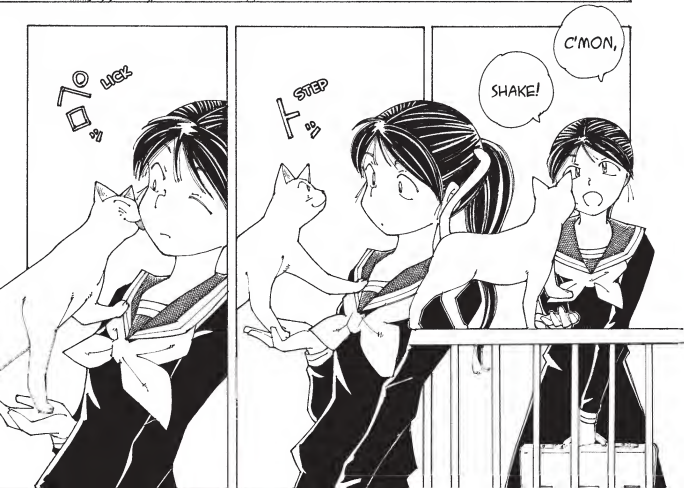
TALKING
ABOUT?!

YOU'RE SO
WEIRD!

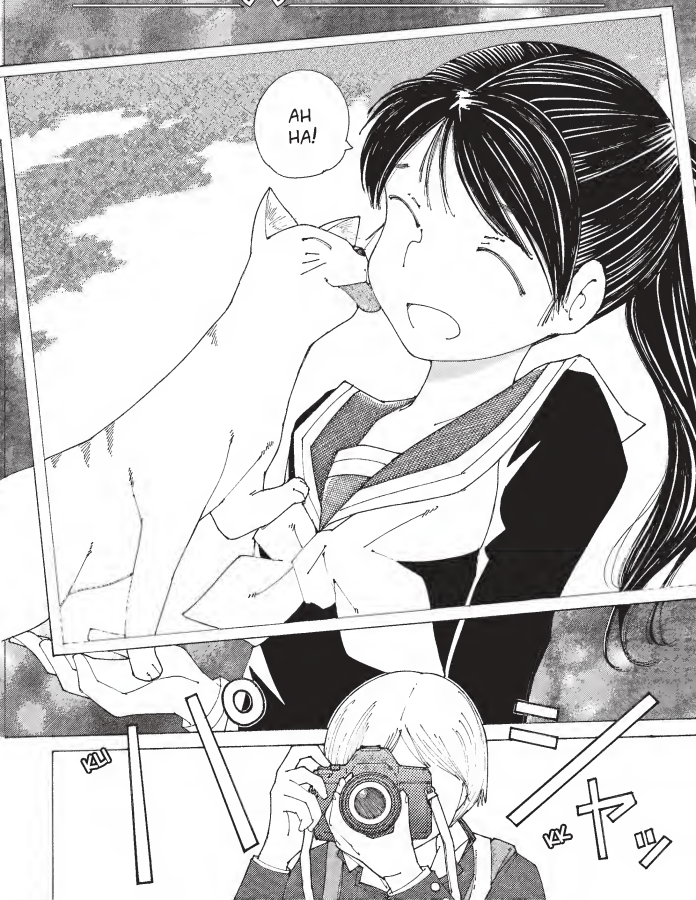


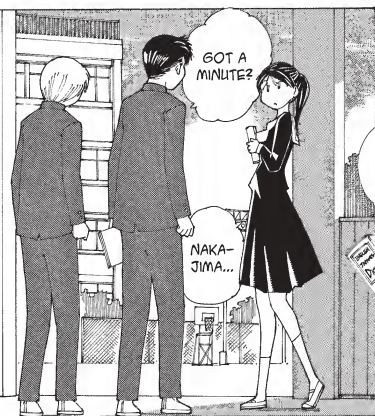
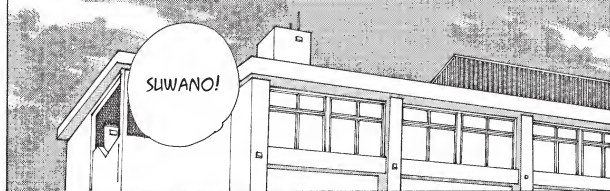
SO I GUESS
SHE'S NOT MAD
ANYMORE?

SHE
IT WAS THOUGHT
FUNNY... ...



CHAPTER 83: ✂ MYSTERIOUS PHOTO OP





ENTERED
A
MAGAZINE
PHOTO
CONTEST,

HASEGAWA
HERE

HELLO.

HI.

H...

MY
NAME'S
HASEGAWA.

AND HE
WON A
PRIZE.

WELL?

IT'S
ME!

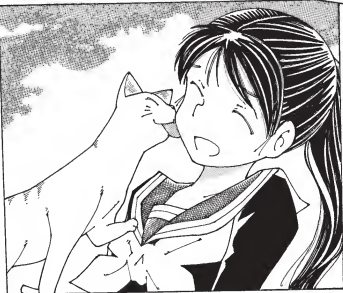
WHEN
DID YOU
TAKE IT?

WHEN DID
YOU TAKE
THIS?

THIS.

AND THE
WINNING
PICTURE
WAS...

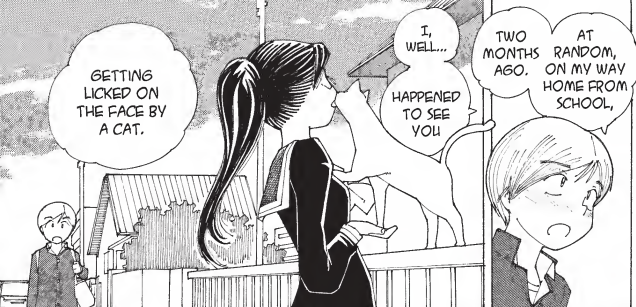
FLIP



HONORABLE
MENTION:

TSUKASA HASEGAWA (16), TOKYO

COMMENTS









RIGHT.

I CAN
JUST

DO
WHATEVER
I WANT?

SO...

I'D
LIKE TO
CAPTURE
YOUR
NATURAL
CUTENESS.

WAIT
UP!

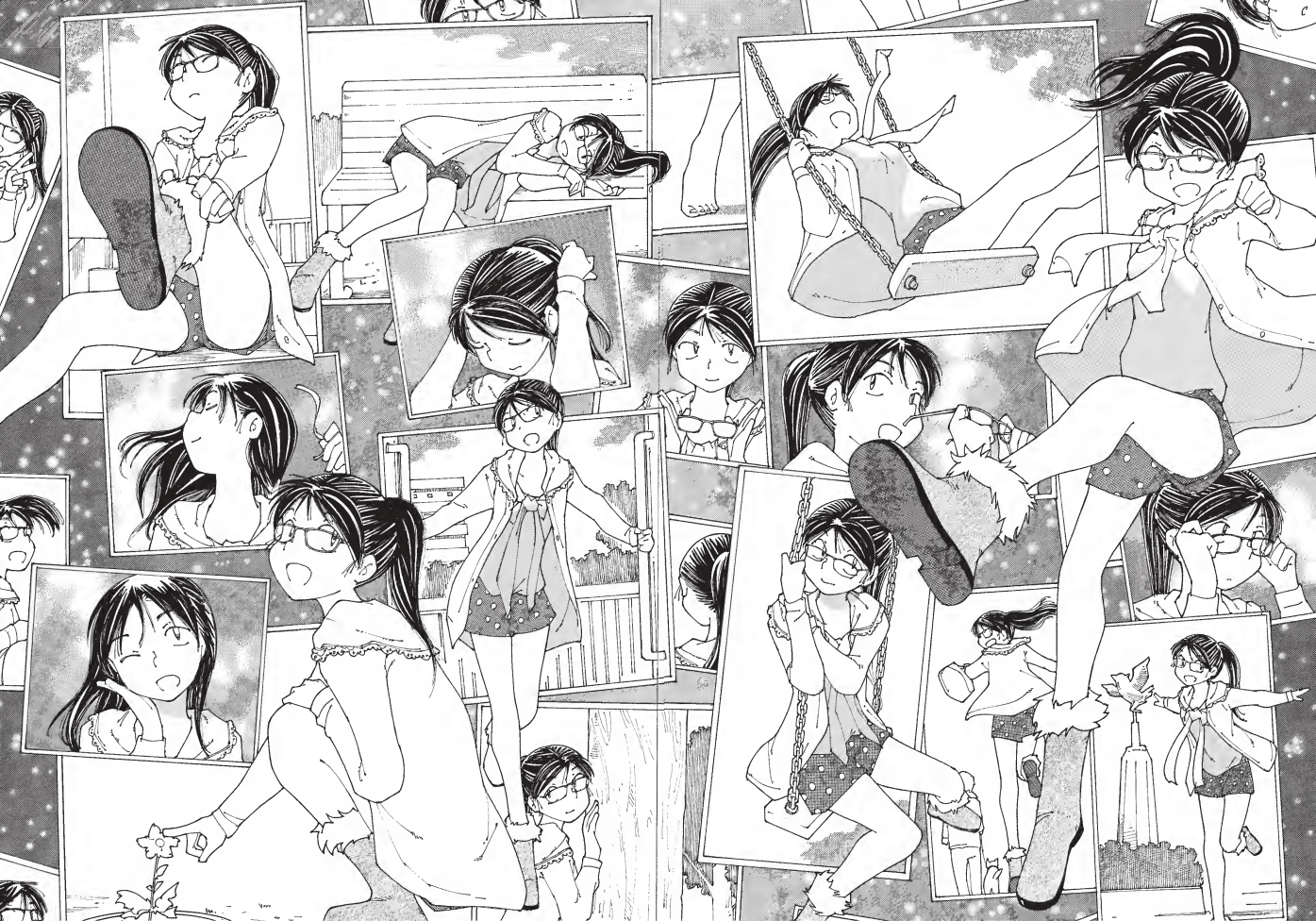
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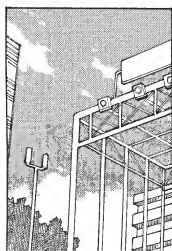
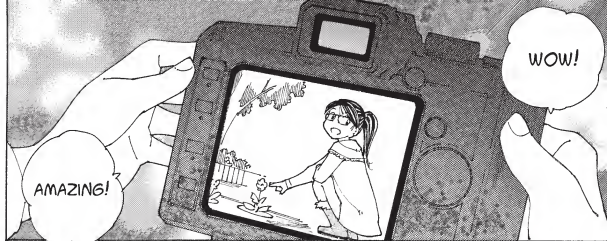
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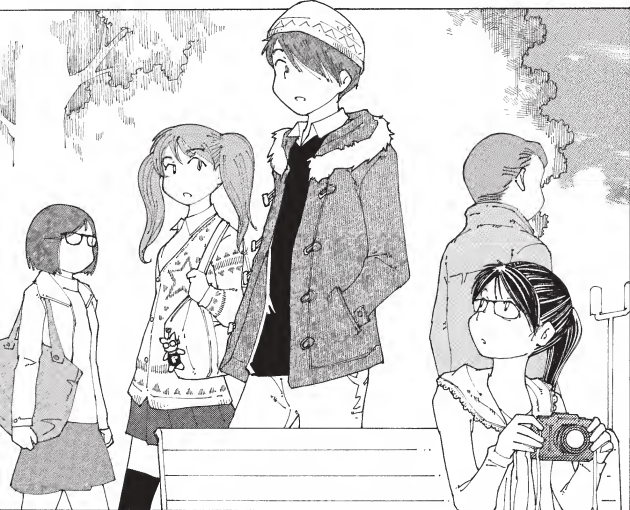
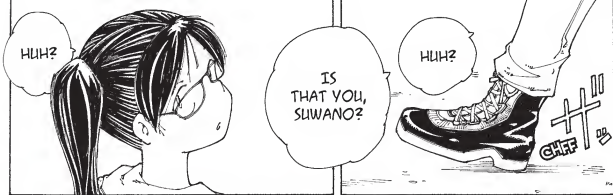
DASH

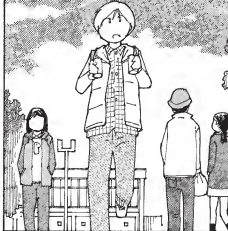
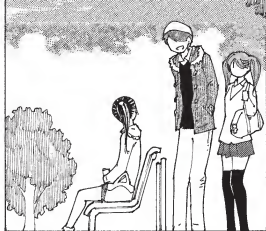
!!

AH!







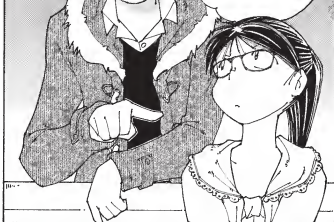
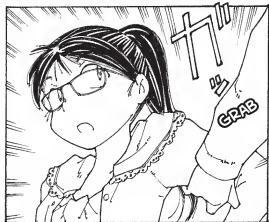




BUT SHE'S A
PRETTY COLD
CHICK.

WATCH
YOURSELF.

SUWANO'S
NICE ON THE
OUTSIDE,



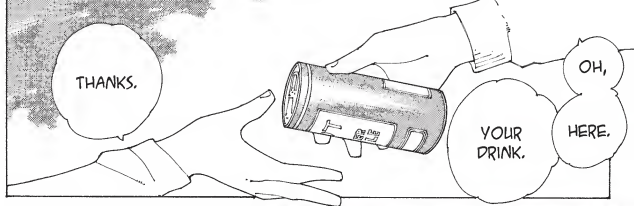
SUWANO! LET'S
GO,

WHAT
?!!

THERE ARE
TONS OF
GREAT THINGS
ABOUT MY
GIRLFRIEND

DON'T THINK
WHAT YOU SEE IS ALL
THERE IS TO HER!

THAT
YOU
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
!



I WONDER IF
MY PICTURES
WOULD LOOK
ANY DIFFERENT...

BUT IF
I COULD
DATE A GIRL
AND LEARN
ABOUT LOVE,

THE
BEAUTY AND
CUTENESS
OF
GIRLS.

I
STARTED
TAKING
PICTURES
BECAUSE I
WANTED TO
BE ABLE TO
CAPTURE

ME TO
TEACH
YOU?

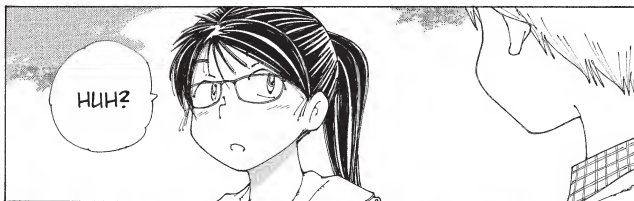
WOULD
YOU LIKE



A BAD
IDEA!

THAT
WOULD
BE

AH,



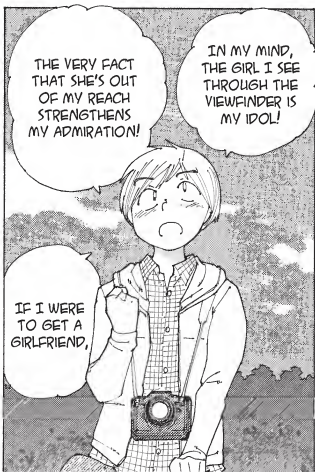
HUH?



I
DON'T THINK
I COULD EVER
MAKE HER A
SUBJECT OF MY
PHOTOS!

YOU'RE AN
AMAZING
SUBJECT!

AND
TO ME,



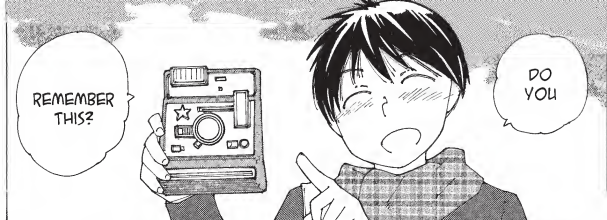
THE VERY FACT
THAT SHE'S OUT
OF MY REACH
STRENGTHENS
MY ADMIRATION!

IN MY MIND,
THE GIRL I SEE
THROUGH THE
VIEWFINDER IS
MY IDOL!

IF I WERE
TO GET A
GIRLFRIEND,











IF
YOU WANT
TO SEE YOUR
GIRLFRIEND
LOOKING
CUTE,

WON'T
LET
ME...

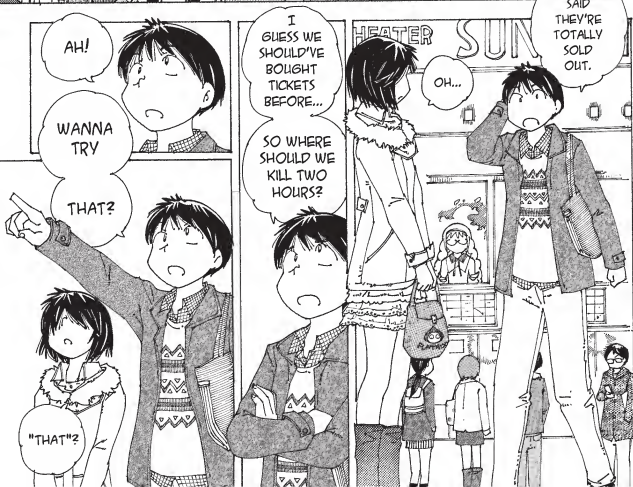
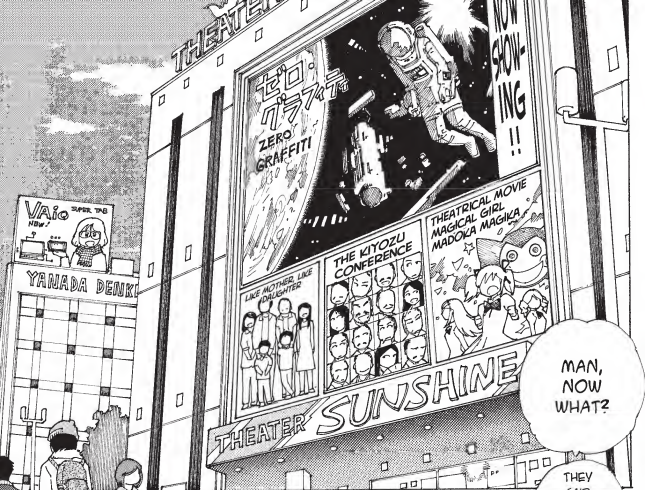
SHE
STILL

FLASH
BOMB

STEP
2
A
STEP
2
A
STEP
2
A
...

DON'T
DEPEND
ON
MACHINES.

BURN THE
IMAGE ON
THE BACK
OF YOUR
EYELIDS.





YOU'VE
NEVER
BOWLED
BEFORE?

NO.

WHAT?

URABE,

KLATNER

IT'S
EASY.

YOU
THROW THE
BALL TWICE
PER FRAME,

AND TRY TO
KNOCK DOWN
THOSE PINS.

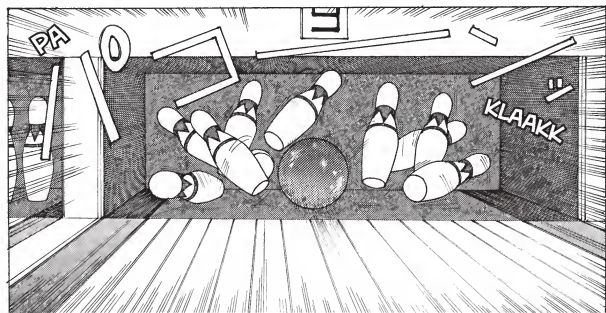
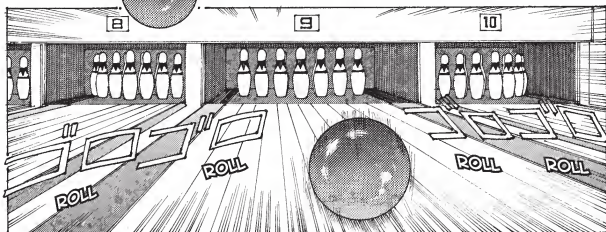
IF
YOU KNOCK
DOWN ALL
TEN AT ONCE,
IT'S A STRIKE.

THE
ONE WHO
KNOCKS
DOWN THE
MOST PINS IN
TEN FRAMES
WINS!

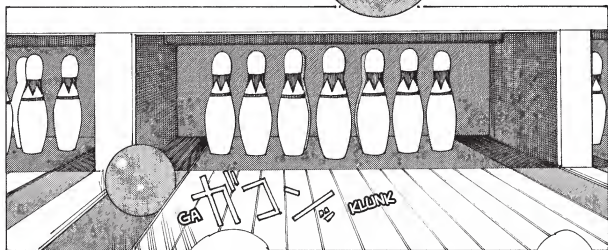
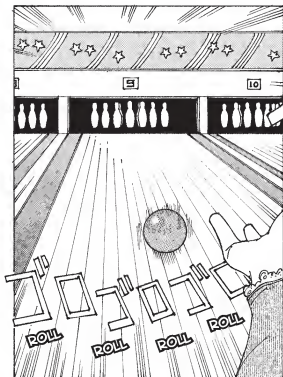
GOOD
LUCK.

I'LL GO
FIRST!

WATCH. OKAY,







YOU GET
TO THROW
ONE MORE
TIME,

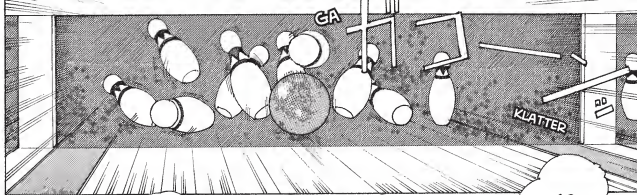
URABE.

THIS IS
PRETTY
HARD...

AH,
TOO
BAD.

A
GUTTER
BALL.









ARE YOU TWO GOING OUT?

WHAT'S THIS?

YOSHIKAWA ...

AH...

FROM THE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ...

CLASS 2-C...

DOES THE REST OF CLASS 2-A KNOW?

THAT'S RIGHT!

YOU GUYS ARE FROM CLASS 2-A, RIGHT?

LONG TIME NO SEE !!

UH...

WELL...

BROKEN



BUT SO IS THE GIRLFRIEND ...

SHE'S SLOWLY CATCHING UP...

	1	2	3	4
TSUBAKI	✕ — ✕ —	7 4		
	27	47	67	
URABE	G9	8 4	9 4	✕
	9	28	48	—

OH!

THE BOY-FRIEND'S PRETTY GOOD.

LET'S SEE...

THE SCORES ...

AH!

I AGREE!

I WANNA SEE THAT!

WOW! SQUEE!

TH—

THAT'S STUPID!

LET'S SAY THAT IF THE BOYFRIEND WINS,

SINCE YOU'RE PLAYING AS A COUPLE,

THE GIRLFRIEND HAS TO KISS HIM

IN FRONT OF US!

OKAY ?

ARE YOU GUYS BETTING ANYTHING?

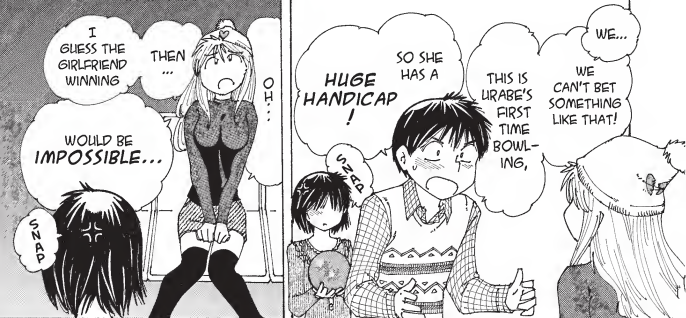
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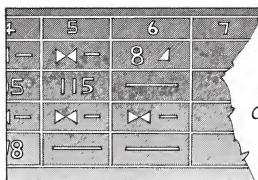
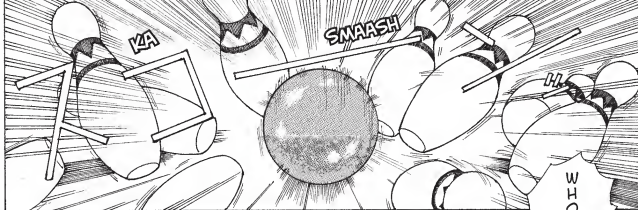
YEAH, TODAY'S LUNCH...

THAT'S NO FUN!

AAWW!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE JUST GAMBLING ON, THOUGH...





THE
GIRL-
FRIEND'S
CATCHING
UP FAST
NOW!

ALL
RIGHT!

WHOOOAA!

A
STRIKE!

ARE YOU
SURE THIS IS
YOUR FIRST
TIME?

BOYFRIEND!

GO FOR
IT!

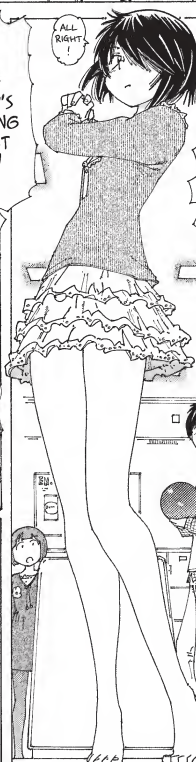
OKAY!
A KISS IS RIDING
ON THIS,
YOU KNOW!

SH...

SHUT
UP...

IF I WIN,
IS URABE
REALLY
GOING TO
KISS ME...?

BUT
IS SHE
REALLY
SERIOUS
...?

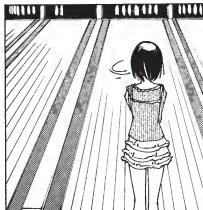
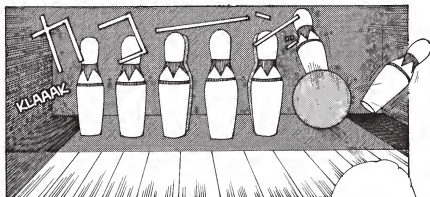


THEN
I'D
BETTER

SQUEAK

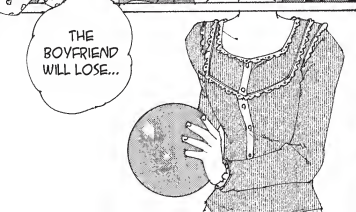
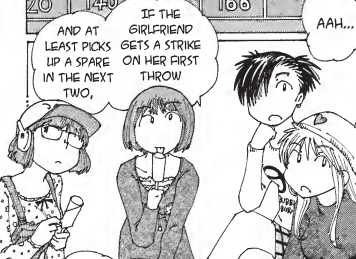
IF
SO,

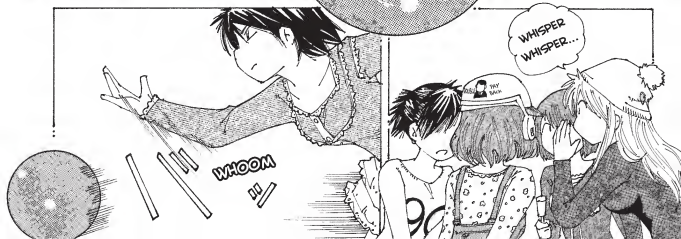


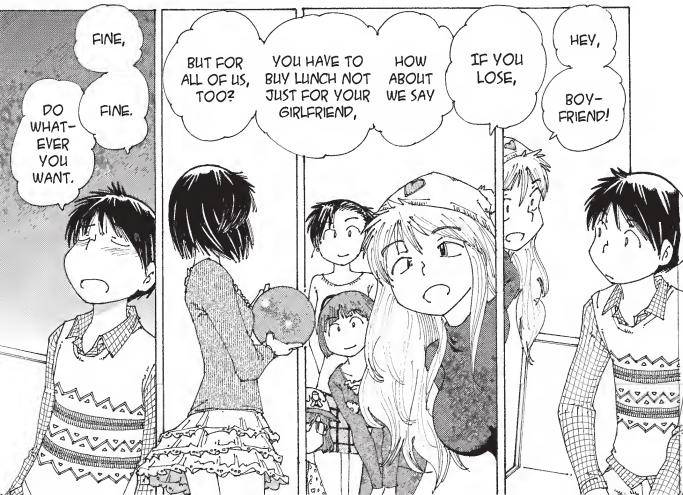
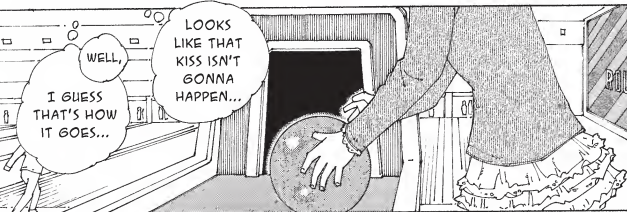
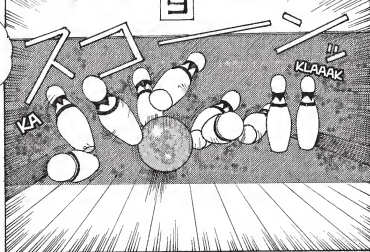


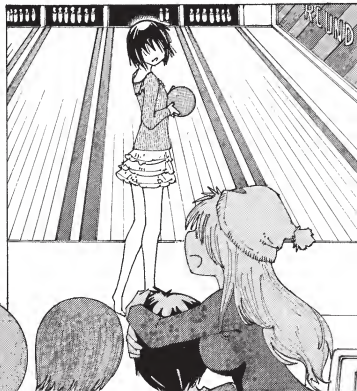


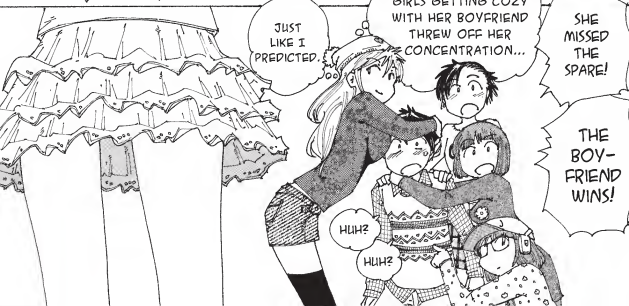
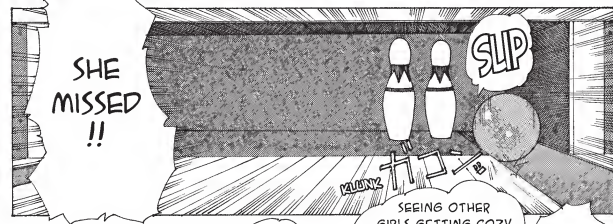
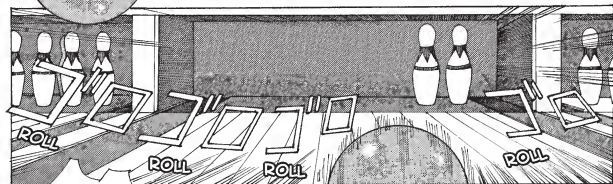
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76	76	71	84	
32	139	157	165	185
1	24	62		
20	140	166		

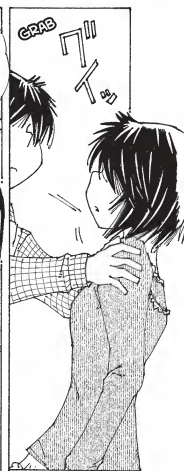




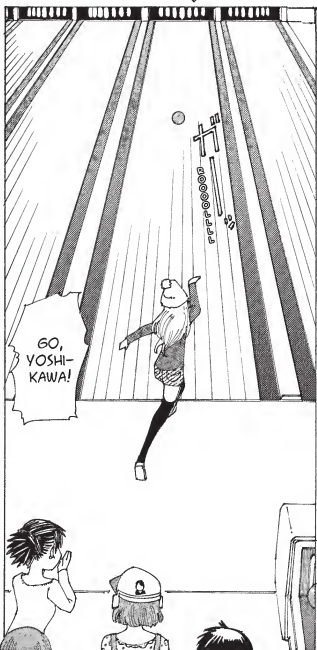
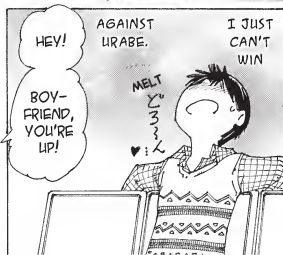
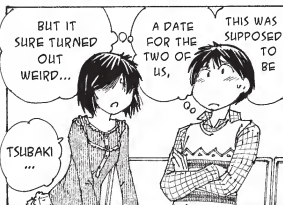










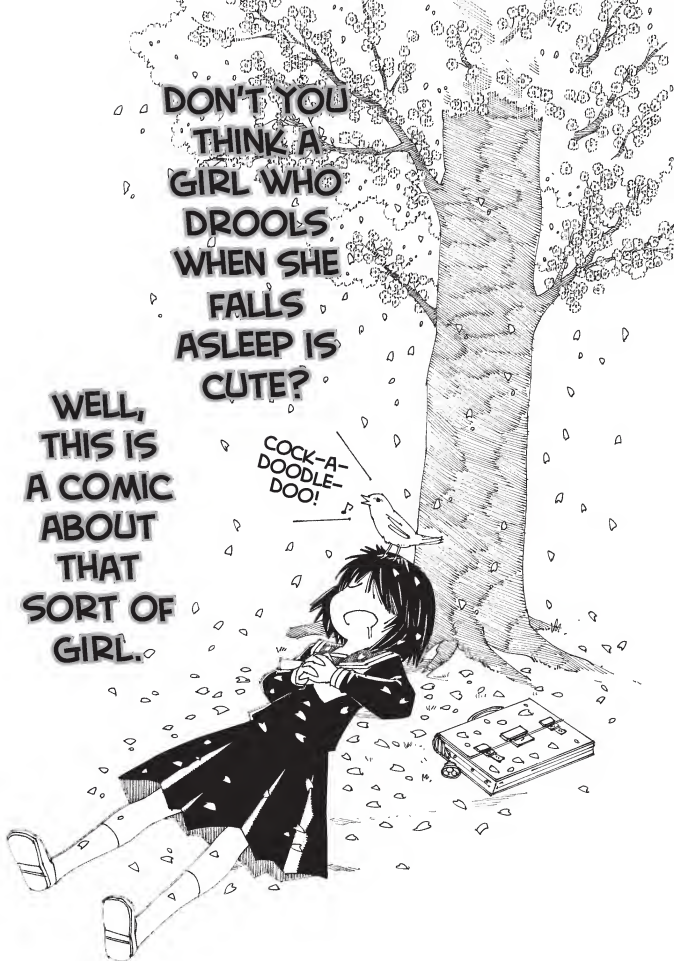


✂ END OF CHAPTER 84

**DON'T YOU
THINK A
GIRL WHO
DROOLS
WHEN SHE
FALLS
ASLEEP IS
CUTE?**

**WELL,
THIS IS
A COMIC
ABOUT
THAT
SORT OF
GIRL.**

**COCK-A-
DOODLE-
DOO!**



**MYSTERIOUS
GIRLFRIEND X**



VERTICAL COMICS

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X



RIICHI UESHIBA

Ayuko Oka (17)



At 4'8", she's very small, but her figure is well-developed and quite gorgeous. She is Ueno's girlfriend. She often toys with Urabe through her impish personality. Like Tsubaki, she is responsive to Urabe's drool.

Kouhei Ueno (17)



Tsubaki's best friend. He's been going out with their classmate, Oka, since they were sophomores. Ueno's fond way of talking about Oka frequently influences Tsubaki's ideas about relationships.

Ryouko Suwano (17)



Tsubaki's classmate who shares his class duties. Her drooping eyes are her most charming feature. She knows Tsubaki and Urabe are dating, and what their "routine" is.

Tsukasa Hasegawa (16)



A sophomore in the photography club. He took a photo of Suwano without her knowledge, entered it into a photo contest and won. He says that he idolizes Suwano, but isn't interested in her romantically.

Youko Tsubaki (24)



Akira's sister, seven years his senior. She handles all the housework in place of their mother, who died when they were young. Akira is highly indebted to her.

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

Characters

Mikoto Urabe (17)

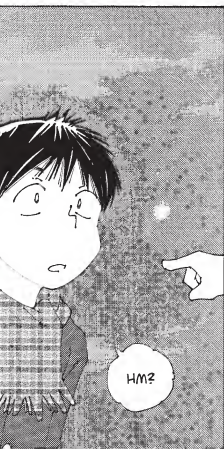


A transfer student who joined Tsubaki's class. She can convey her own feelings through her drool, as well as pick up on Tsubaki's feelings through his. She's anti-social and everything she says and does is mysterious, but her ideas about love are very pure. Her hobby is using scissors, which she can use to cut up anything.

Akira Tsubaki (17)



The protagonist of the story. His bizarre relationship with Urabe began after he licked her drool one day. He is as interested in girls as any boy his age, but Urabe takes the lead in their relationship and Tsubaki can't seem to initiate any progress between them.





IT'S
SNOWING.

AND THE
FLAKES ARE
BIG.

IT'S
COMING
DOWN
HARD.

SEE YOU
TOMOR-
ROW!

YEAH,

WE
MIGHT
END UP
DOING OUR
ROUTINE IN
THE SNOW.

TOMOR-
ROW,

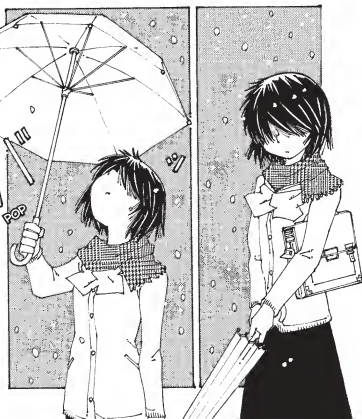
MIGHT
ACTUALLY
STICK.

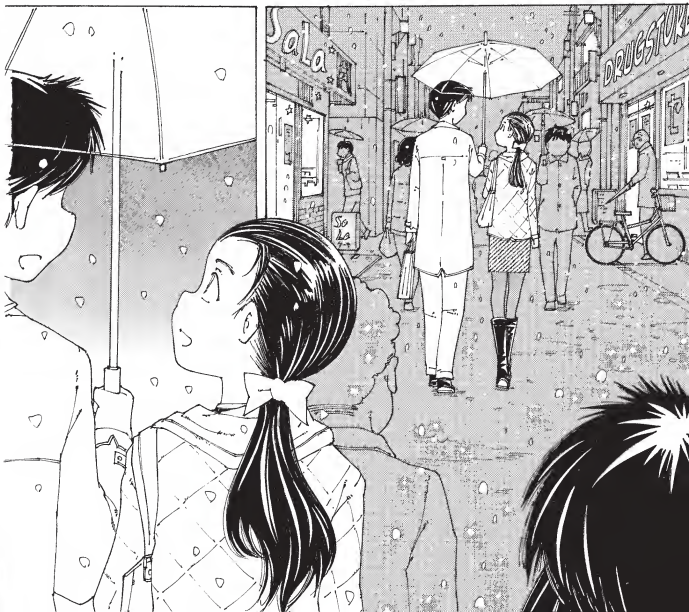
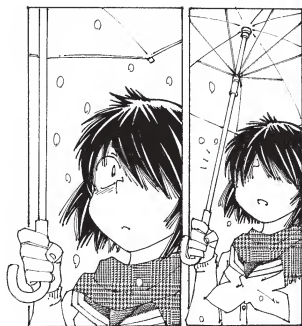
THIS
SNOW

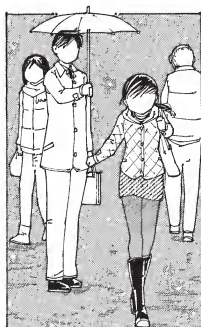
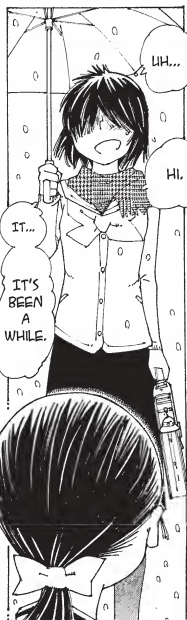
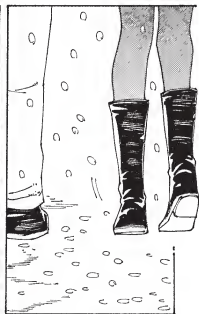
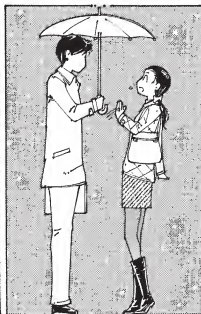
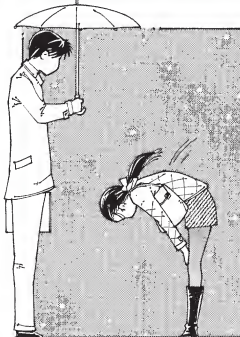
SEE
YA,

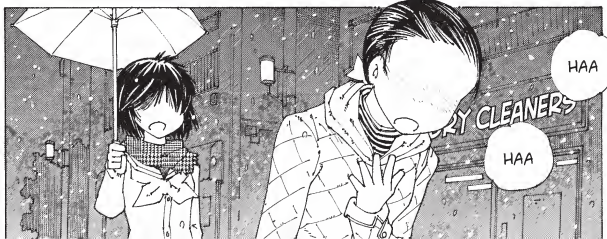
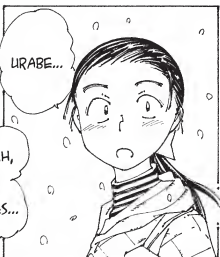
URABE.

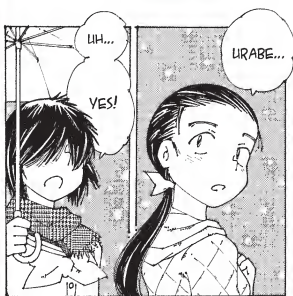
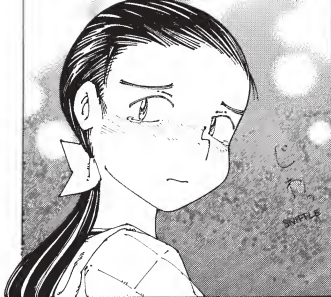
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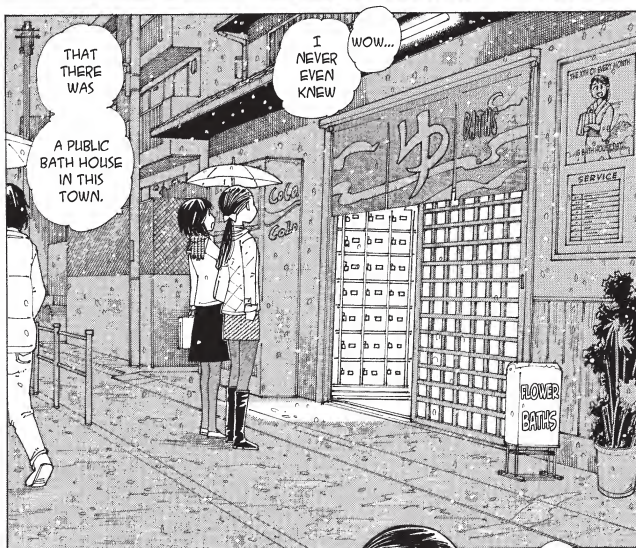
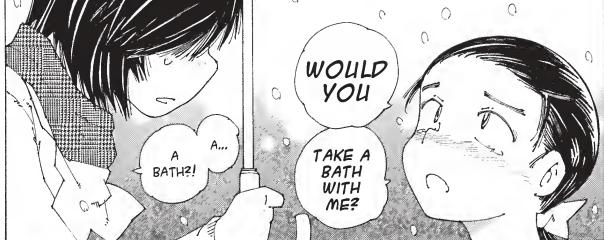


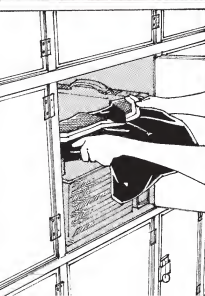
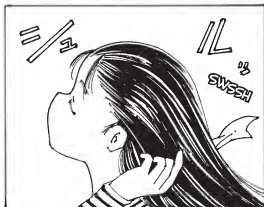




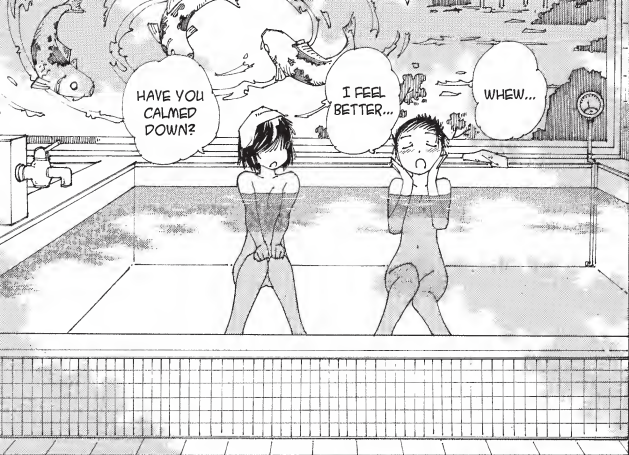


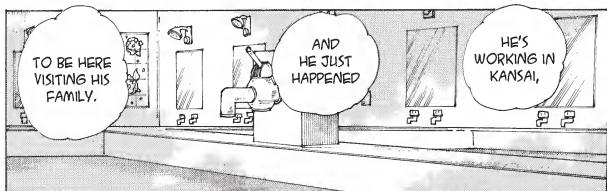


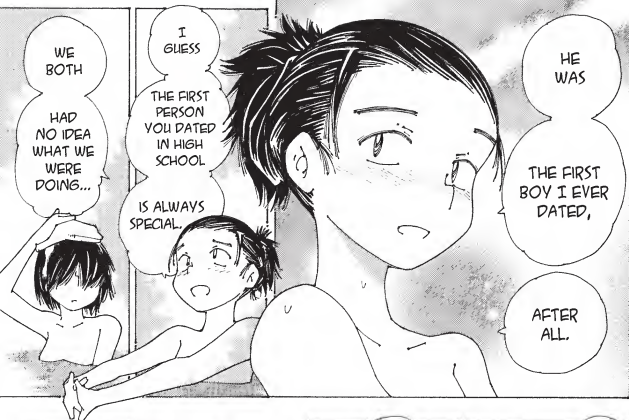












THE PERSON
I'M GOING
OUT WITH

IS
TSUBAKI.

...IT'S
TSUBAKI.

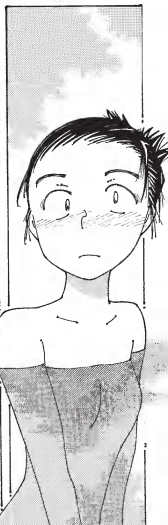
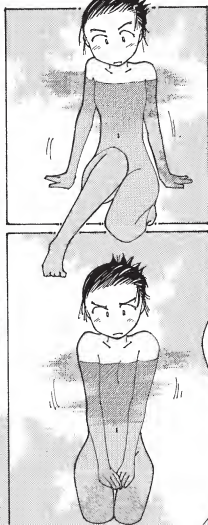
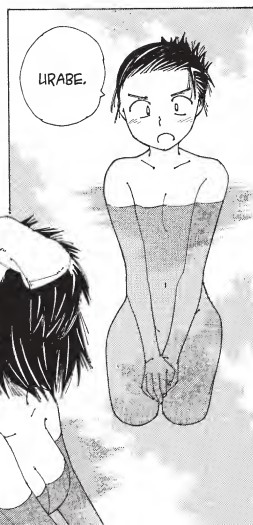
HLIH?

WHAT
?!!

Deed
Deed
Deed

SPLASH



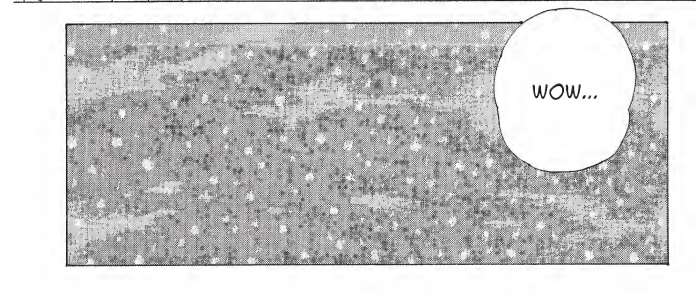




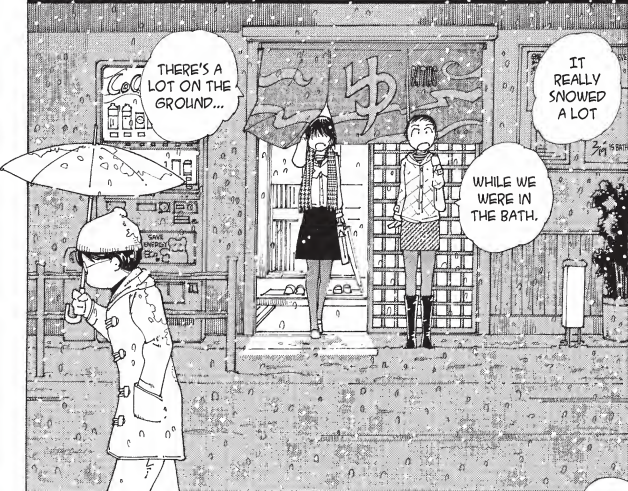


BE
GOOD
TO
ME!

PLEASE



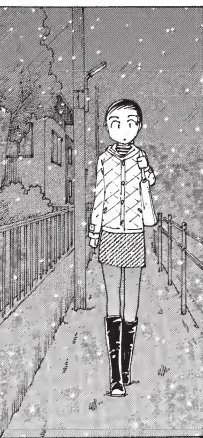
WOW...



THERE'S A LOT ON THE GROUND...

IT REALLY SNOWED A LOT

WHILE WE WERE IN THE BATH.



OKAY,

SEE YOU LATER.



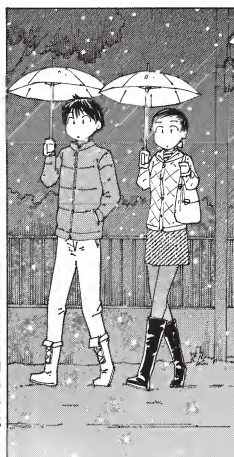
WILL YOU...

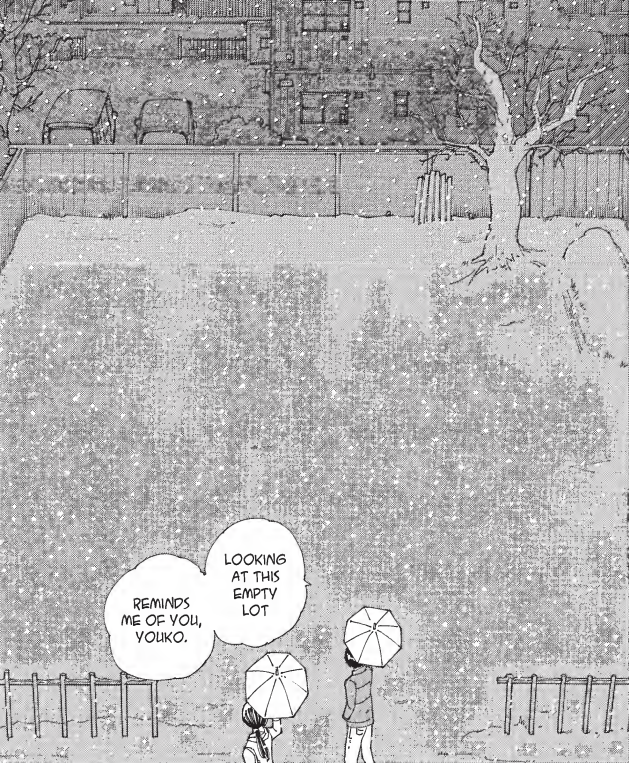
I WARMED UP IN THE BATH,

BE OKAY GETTING HOME?

SO I'LL BE FINE.







WHEN WE GOT
HERE, YOU SAID,
"I'M FIRST!"

YOU WOKE
ME UP AND
BROUGHT
ME HERE
TO PLAY.

ONE
MORNING
AFTER IT
SNOWED,

WHEN
WE WERE
LITTLE...

RE-
MEM-
BER?



TO LEAVE
MY FOOTPRINT
IN THE PURE
WHITE SNOW.



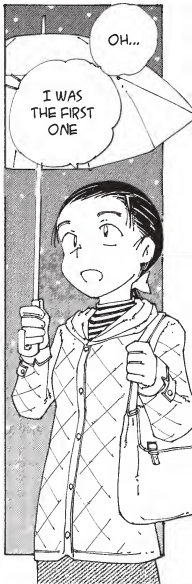
FOR
SOME
REASON,

IT
MADE ME
HAPPY.



OH...

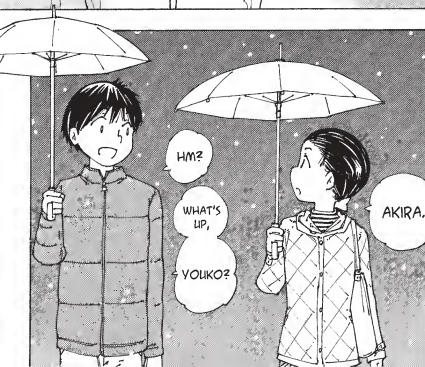
I WAS
THE FIRST
ONE





PLEASE

BE
GOOD
TO
ME!



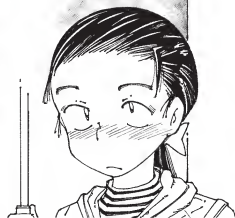
HM?

WHAT'S
UP,

YOUKO?

AKIRA.

WILL THE FIRST
ONE TO LEAVE HIS
FOOTPRINT ON HER...
BE MY BROTHER...?





WHAT ...

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!!



DAAH !!

SEOOH

SPLAT



HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



YOU'LL BE

THE FIRST BOY TO LEAVE A FOOTPRINT,

SO YOU'D BETTER STRAIGHTEN UP!

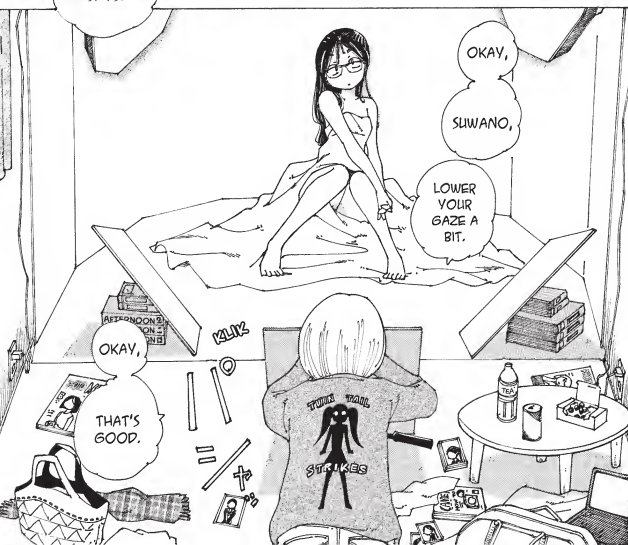
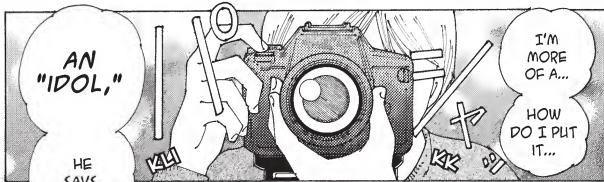
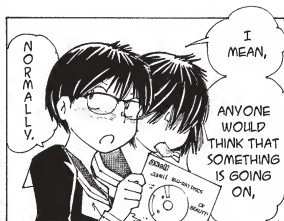


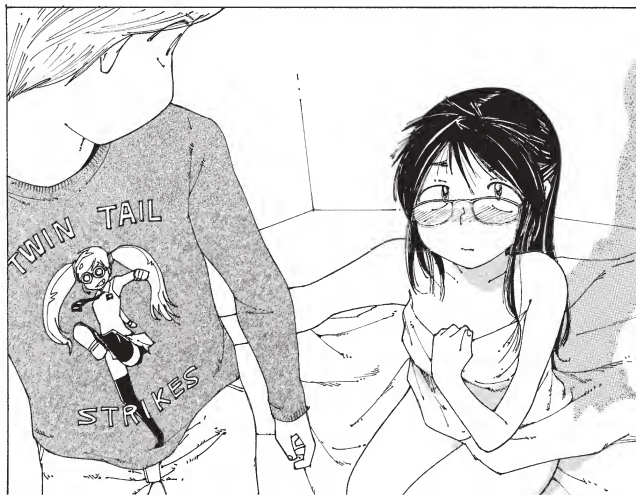


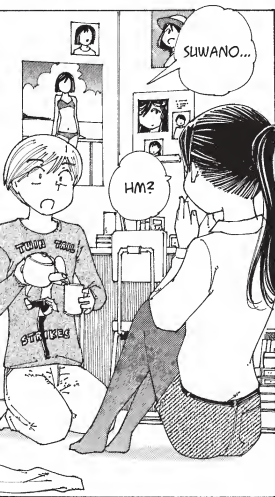
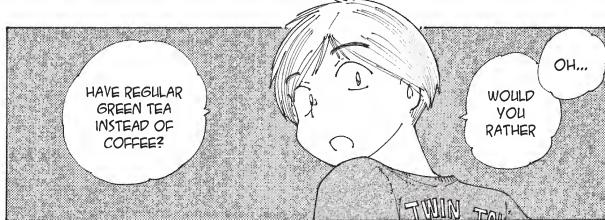
THIS IS
SEMI-
NUDE...

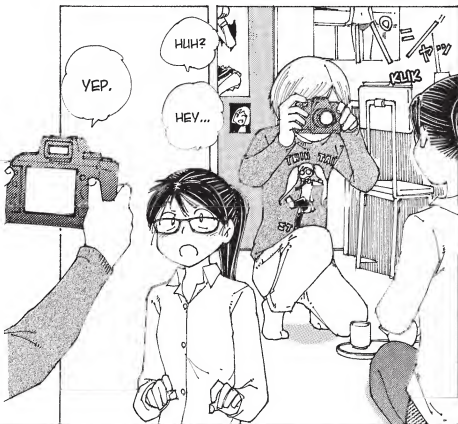
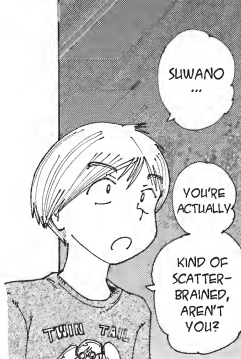
2ND PLACE: TSUKASA HASEGAWA (16), TOKYO

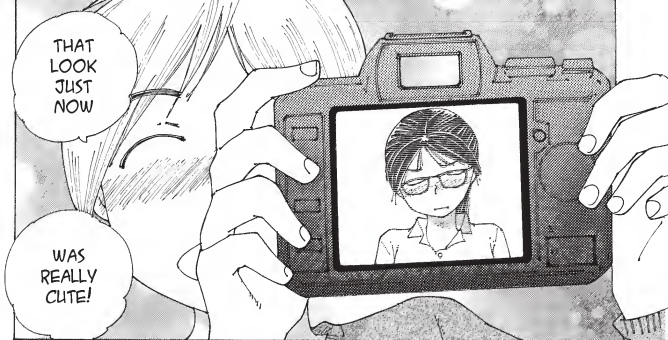
COMMENTS













SUWANO!

YOU...

NOT
THAT
LONG.

NO,

HAVE
YOU BEEN
WAITING
LONG?!

YOU
SHOWED
UP REALLY
EARLY!

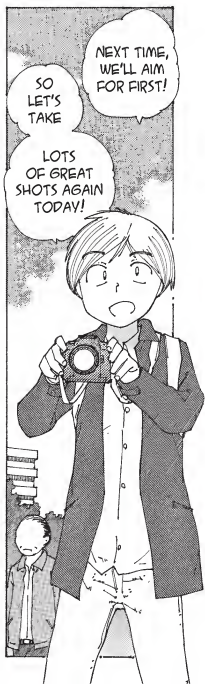
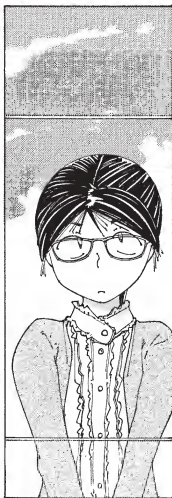
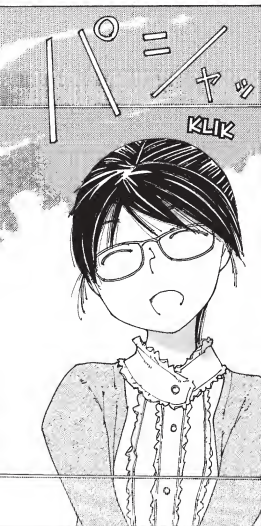
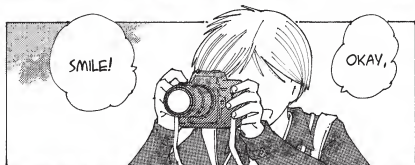
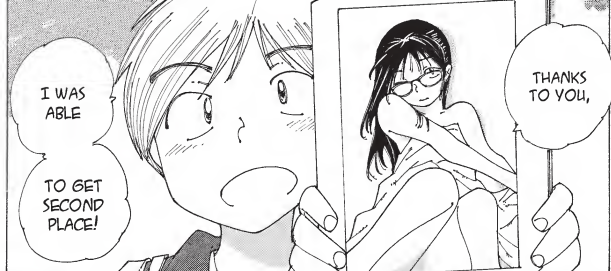
YES,
I DID.

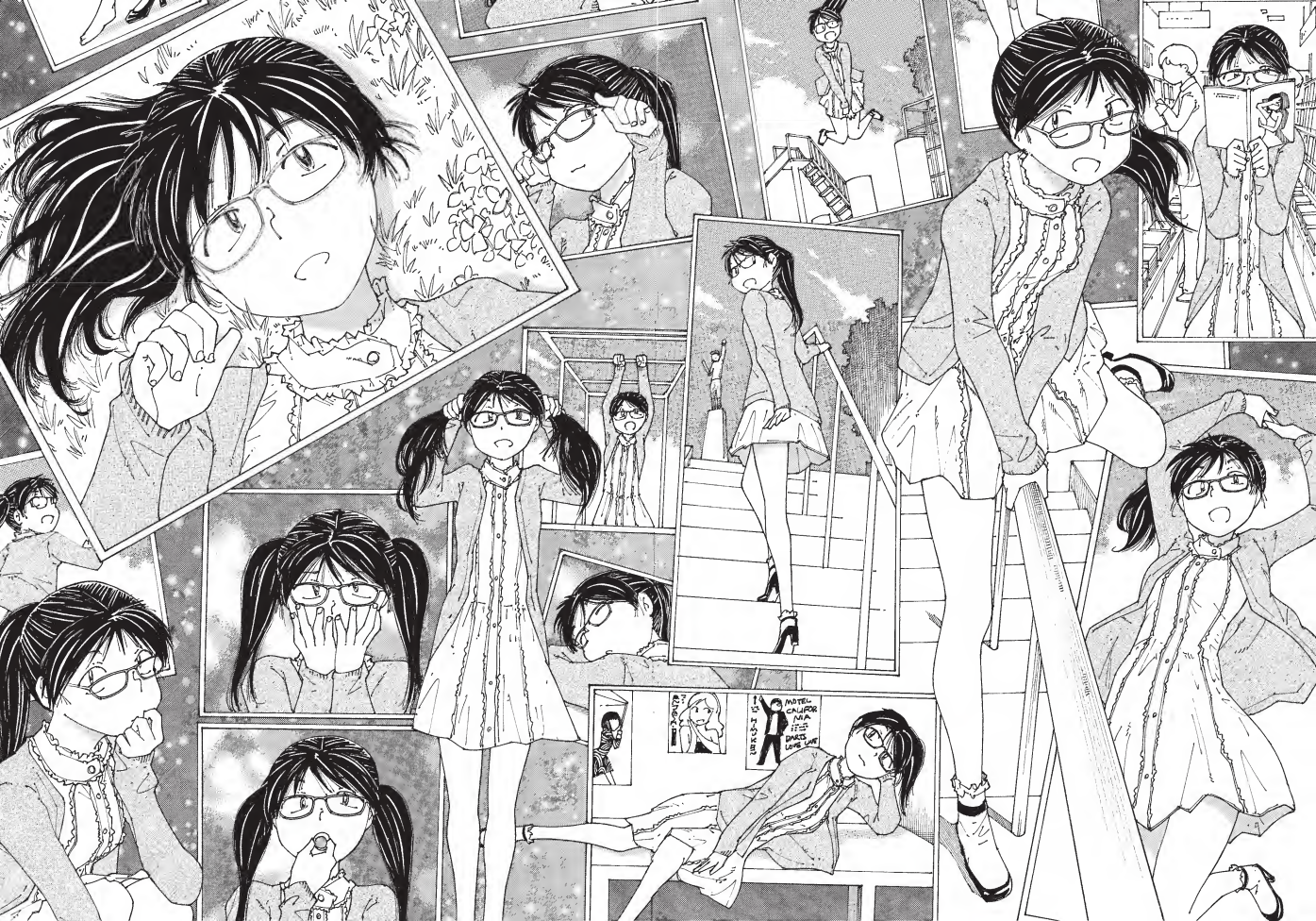
DID
YOU
SEE

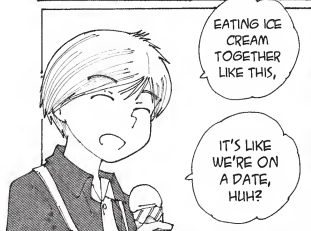
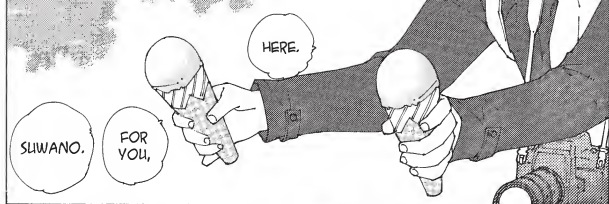
OH,
YEAH!

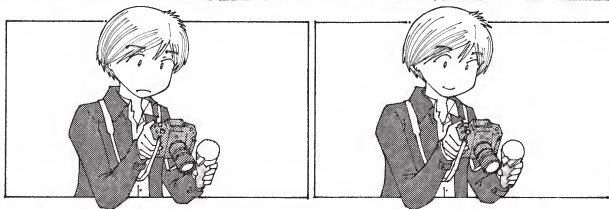
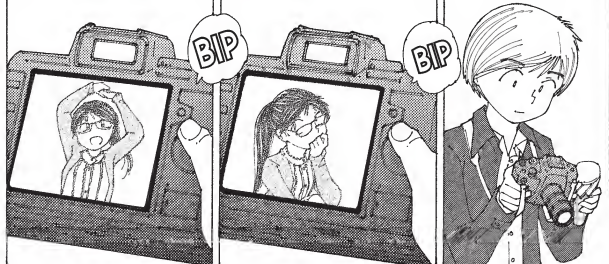
THIS
MONTH'S
"PHOTO
AGE"?

PHOTO
AGE





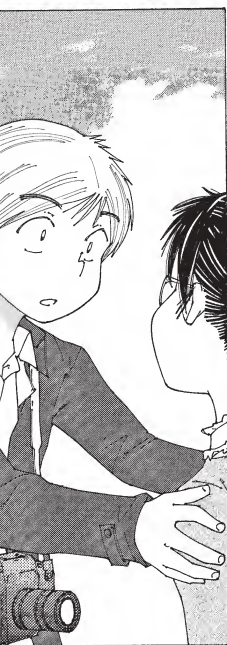
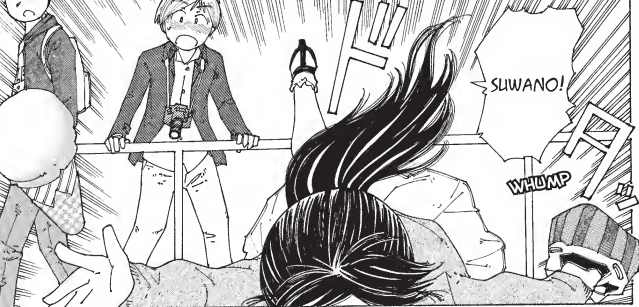


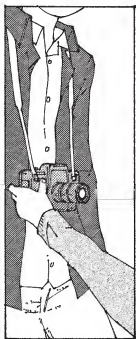
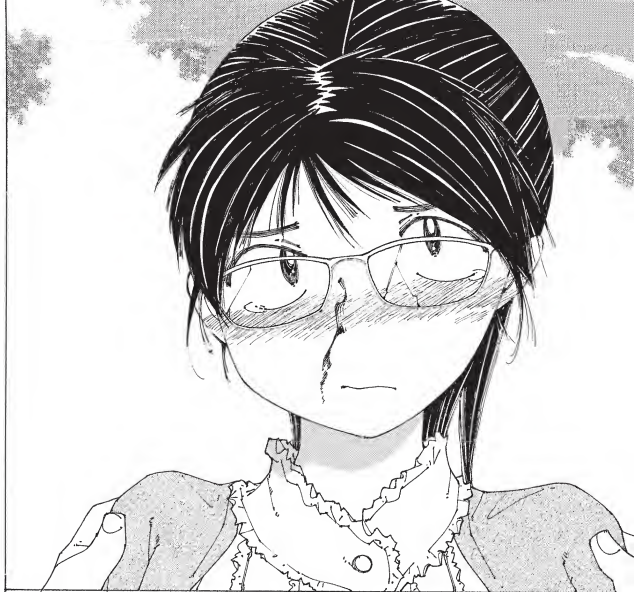


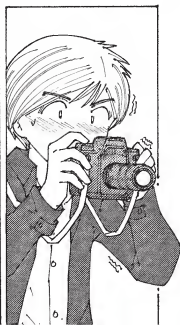






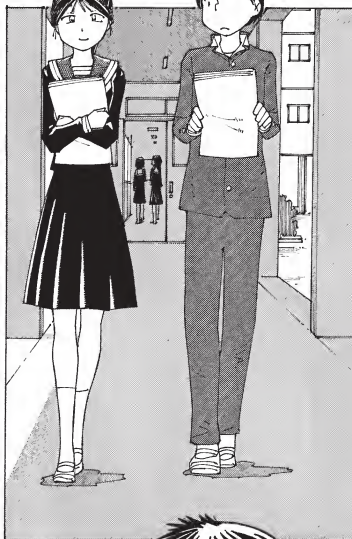
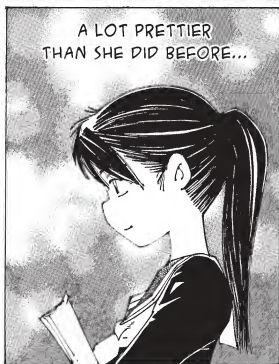




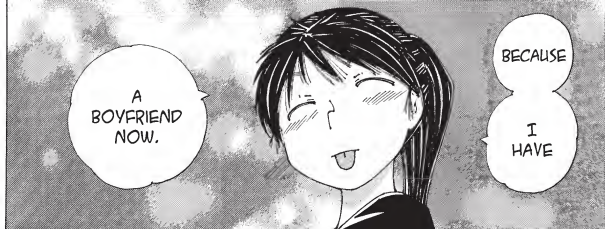


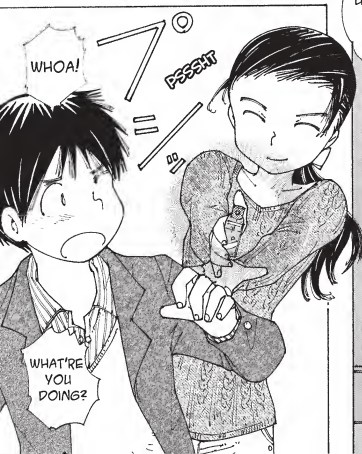
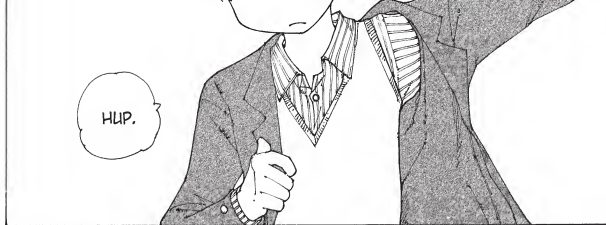














SMELLS
GOOD
♡

YEP.

HEY...

YOUKO
!!



WITH
URABE!

GOOD
LUCK ON
YOUR
DATE

GRIN
にゃ



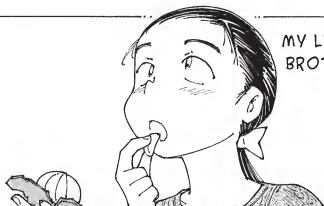
IS THE SAME TYPE
THAT I GAVE MY
BOYFRIEND IN MY
SENIOR YEAR OF
HIGH SCHOOL...

THAT
COLOGNE
...



IS AT
THAT AGE
NOW...

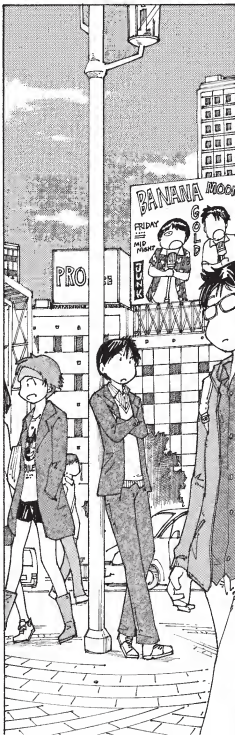
MY LITTLE
BROTHER



I'VE NEVER
PUT ON
COLOGNE
BEFORE...



WHAT'S
IT LIKE?



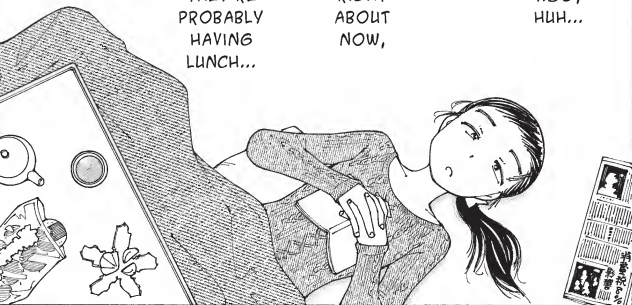
GOOD
LUCK,
AKIRA!



THEY'RE
PROBABLY
HAVING
LUNCH...

RIGHT
ABOUT
NOW,

1:30,
HUH...



IT'S FULL OF
LAND MINES
THAT BLOW ALL
LOGIC AWAY
♪

IT'S FULL OF LAND
MINES THAT BLOW
ALL LOGIC AWAY
♪

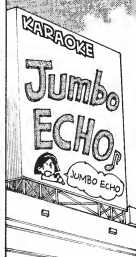
WHEN
I'M ALONE WITH
YOU IN THIS
CLASSROOM
♪

SO
WATCH
YOUR
STEP
♪



WE
WENT TO
KARAOKE...

COME TO
THINK OF IT,
THE FIRST
TIME MY
BOYFRIEND
WORE THAT
COLOGNE
ON A DATE,





I EVER
INITIATED
A KISS...
THAT
WAS THE
FIRST
TIME



WOW,

THIS IS
REALLY
RARE...

IF SHE
SMELLS HIS
COLOGNE,

I WONDER
IF THE SAME
THING WILL
HAPPEN TO
THOSE TWO...

I GUESS...
I WAS
INTOXICATED
BY THE
SCENT
OF THE
COLOGNE I
GAVE HIM...

AND THEY
GO INTO A
KARAOKE
ROOM
TOGETHER
...



I
GUESS IT'S
A NICE
CHANGE.

NONE OF
THE MOVIES
LOOKED
INTERESTING,
WELL,

WHAT
WOULD
YOU

LIKE
TO
DRINK?

ICED
COFFEE.

AND WE
WENT
BOWLING
THE OTHER
DAY.



GOING TO
KARAOKE
WITH YOU,
I MEAN.

ISN'T
THIS THE
FIRST TIME?

VEAH.

MAY I
PLACE AN
ORDER?

AH,

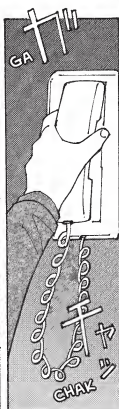
AN ICED
COFFEE

AND A
GINGER
ALE.

OKAY,

I'LL
ORDER.

WHIFF



THAT'S RIGHT...
I REMEMBER
NOW...





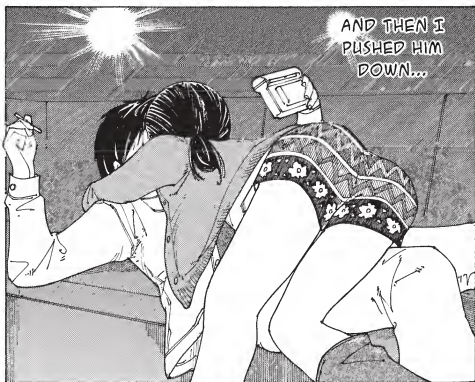
AND
AFTER
THAT,
I...



I KISSED
ARIMA,



THAT WAS
THE FIRST
TIME



AND THEN I
PUSHED HIM
DOWN...

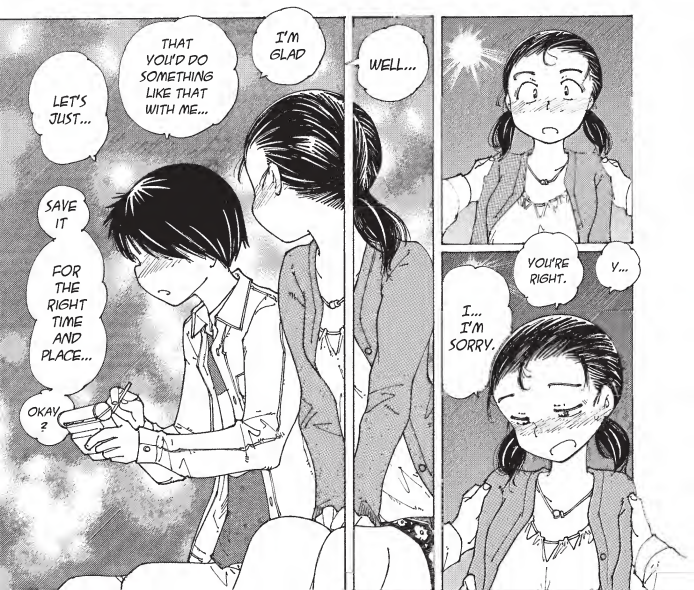
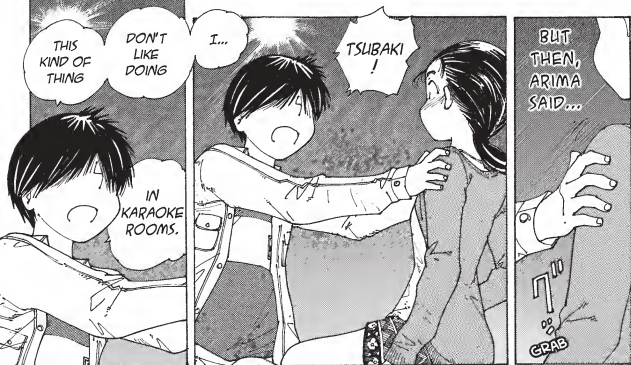


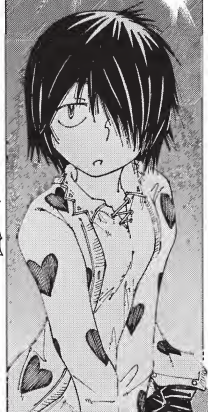
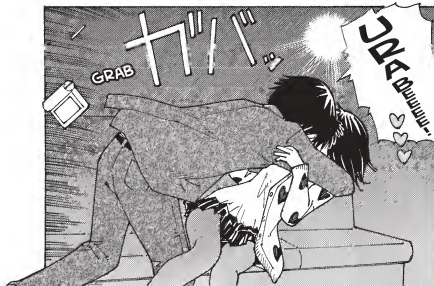
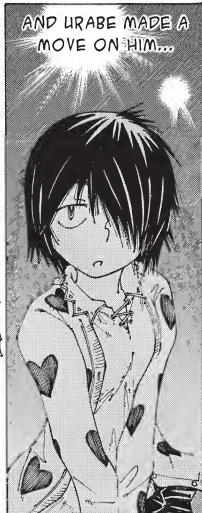
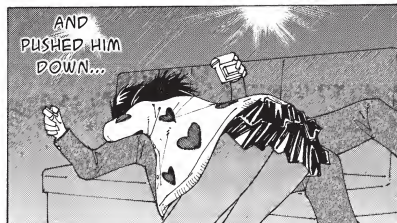
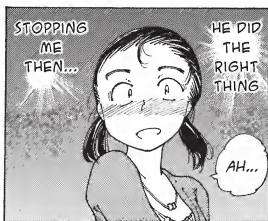
PUT MY
ARMS
AROUND
HIS
NECK...



EVEN IF I WAS
INTOXICATED BY THE
COLOGNE, I MUST
HAVE BEEN CRAZY
BACK THEN!

WHOA!
WHOA!
WHOA!





GO
ALONG
WITH
IT...

HE
WOULD
DEFINITELY

IS SO
WEAK-
WILLED...

THAT
BOY

GO
ALL THE
WAY...

SO
THEY
MIGHT
EVEN...

URABE
HAS

A
PRETTY
NICE
BODY,

NEITHER
WILL
AKIRA
...

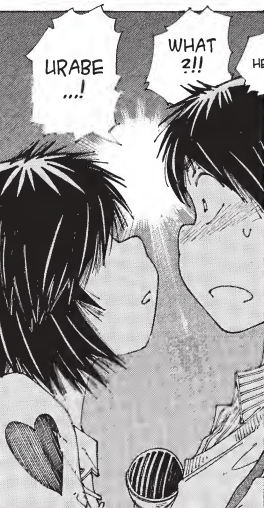
AND
URABE WON'T
HAVE ANY
MORE "FIRST
TIMES" ...

I
FOUND
OUT
BATH
HOUSE
...





< 30 SECOND INTERLUDE ♪ >





TSUBAKI,

DID YOUR
SISTER

GIVE YOU
COLOGNE?

HUH...?



IT
SMELLS

NOPE.

IS IT
WEIRD?

VERY
GOOD.

YEAH,
SHE
DID.

ACTU-
ALLY,

OH...

AS I WAS
LEAVING,
SHE HANDED
IT TO ME,
SAVING IT WAS
A GIFT.

YOU SMELL
DIFFERENT

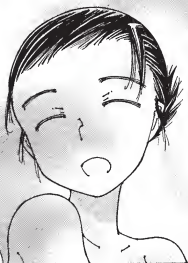
THAN
USUAL.



PLEASE

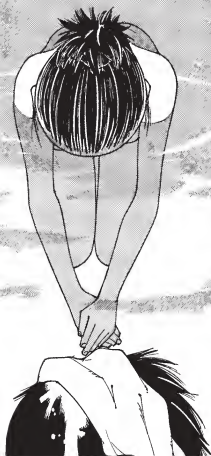


I WONDER IF HIS
SISTER IS CHEERING
US ON...



I WANT TO OPEN A
INTO YOU SOON ♪

BE GOOD TO
MY BROTHER.





OH...

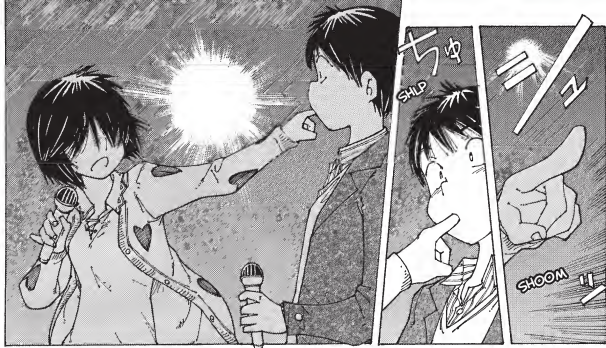
THE
INTERLUDE'S
OVER.

I
WANT TO
OPEN
♪

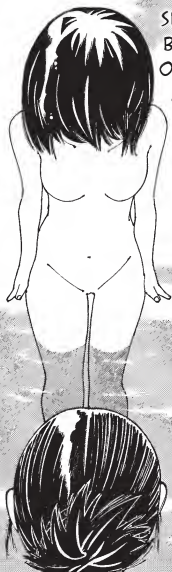
I WANT TO OPEN A NEW DOOR ♪
INTO YOU SOON ♪

A NEW
DOOR

INTO
YOU
SOON
♪



PLEASE
BE
GOOD
TO
ME.



I
SHOULD
BE THE
ONE TO
ASK...



HIS
SISTER...







BEFORE
YOU LEFT
TODAY,

HEY,
TSUBAKI...



YOU
KNOW, YOUR
SISTER...



SHE'S NOT
SO MUCH
A SISTER

I
THINK...

AS A
MOTHER
TO YOU...



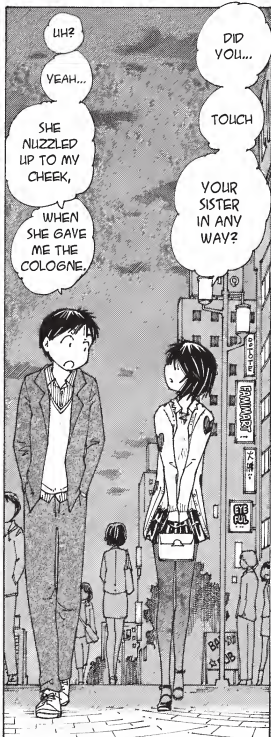
SO IN
FACT,

SHE DID
KIND OF
TAKE MY
MOM'S
PLACE...

HUH?

WELL,

MY MOM
WASN'T
AROUND,



UH?

YEAH...

SHE
NUZZLED
UP TO MY
CHEEK,

WHEN
SHE GAVE
ME THE
COLOGNE.

DID
YOU...

TOUCH

YOUR
SISTER
IN ANY
WAY?



AKIRA!

GIVE ME
BACK

THAT
COLOGNE
!

WHAT?

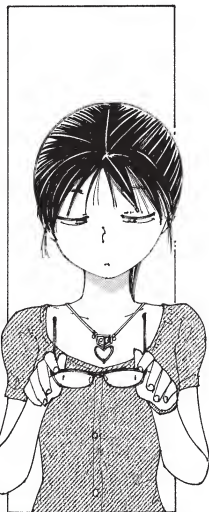
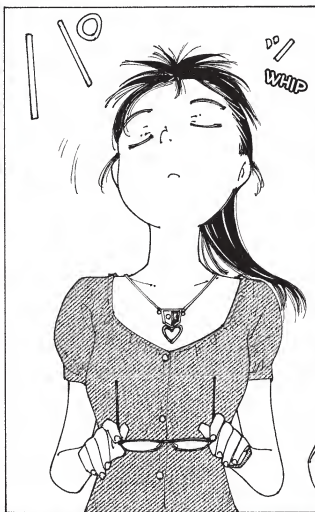
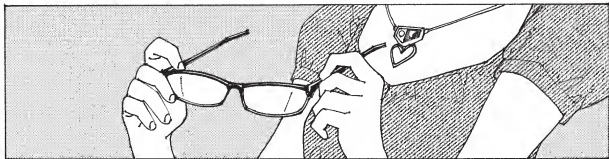


AS
FOR
THIS,

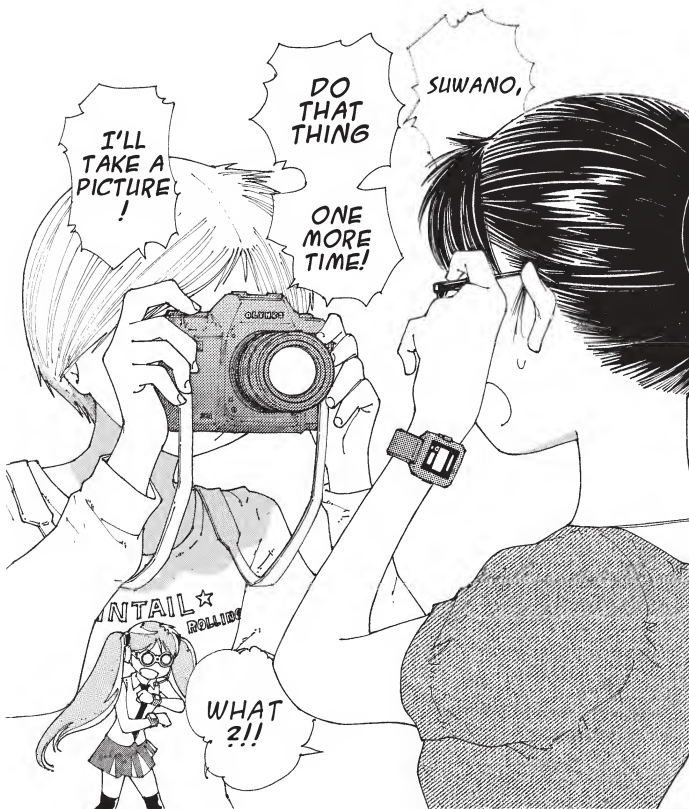
YOU
DON'T
NEED IT
YET, SO
I'LL HOLD
ON TO
IT!

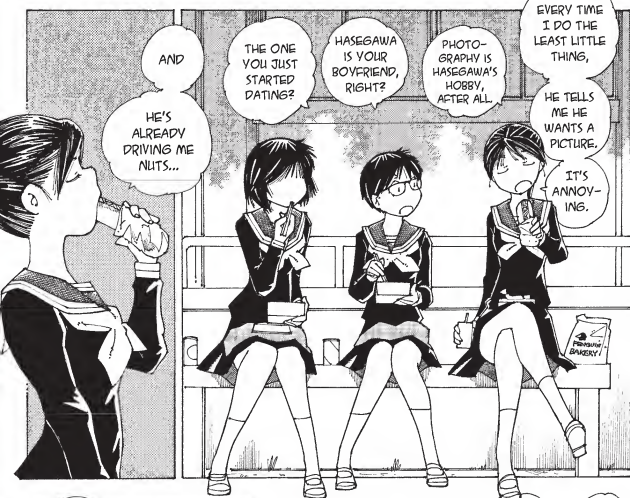
I KNOW
A LOT OF
IMPORTANT
THINGS
HAPPEN TO
YOU IN HIGH
SCHOOL...

BUT
WHAT'S
MOST IM-
PORTANT
OF ALL IS
YOUR
STUDIES
!

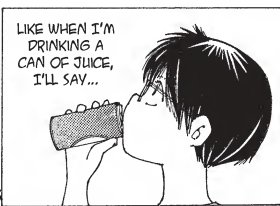


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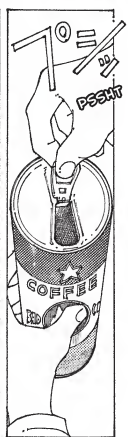
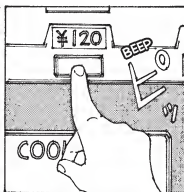
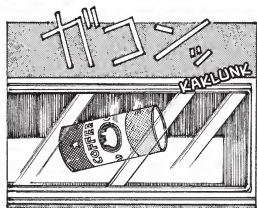
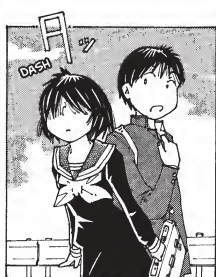
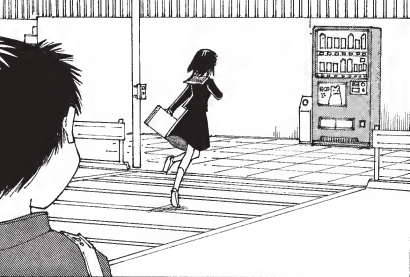


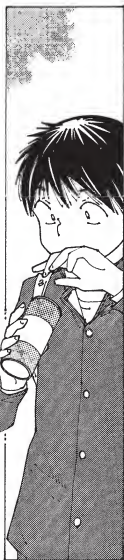


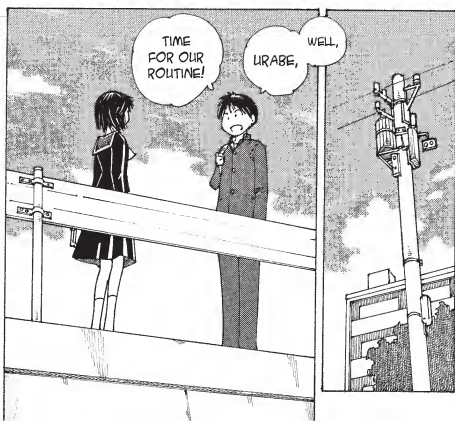








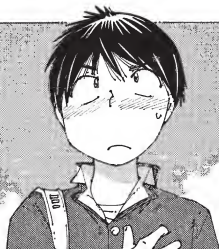






I FELT
SOME
SORT OF
ZAP IN MY
CHEST...

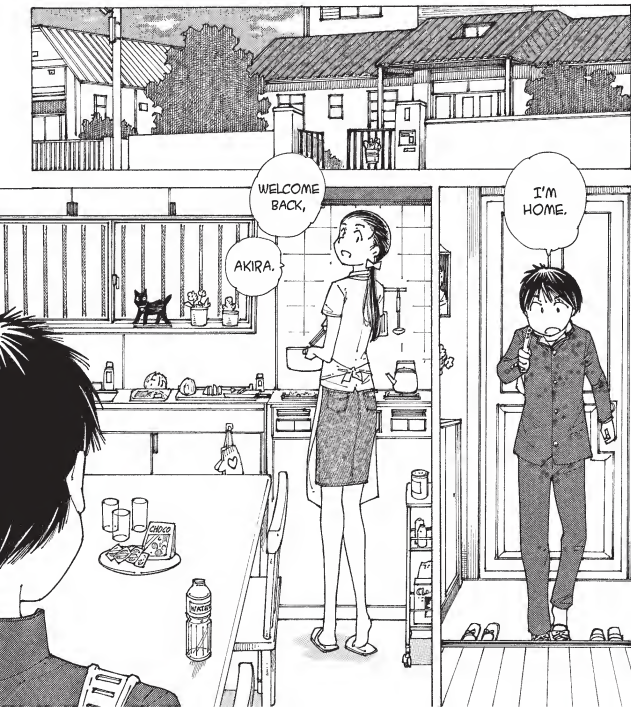
WHAT WAS
THAT?
WHEN I
TASTED
URABE'S
DROOL,

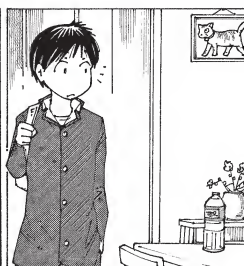


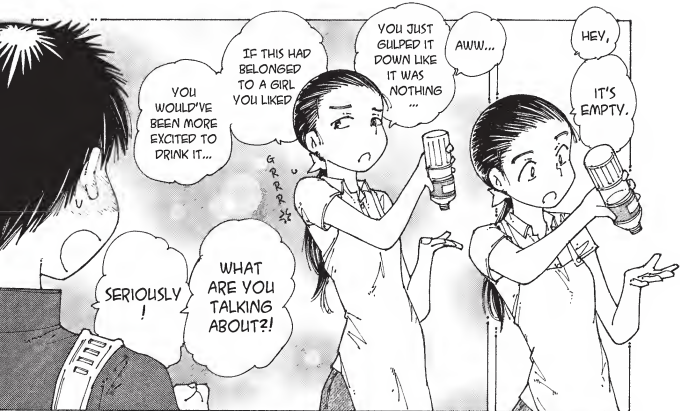
WELCOME
BACK,

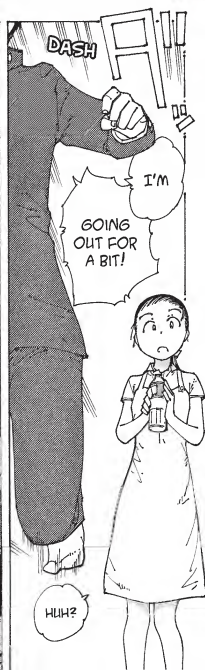
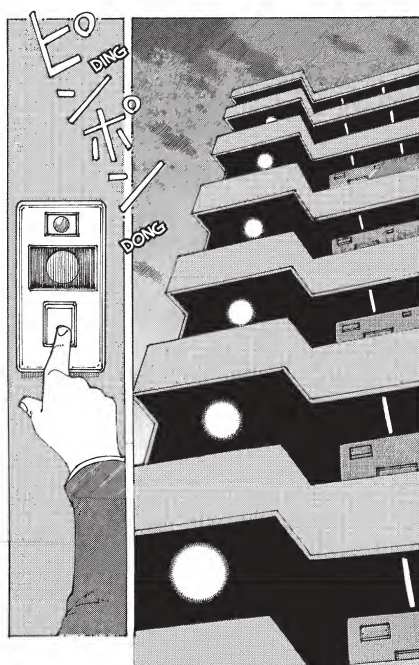
AKIRA.

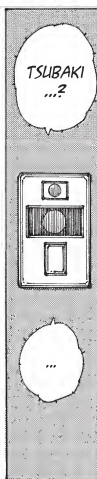
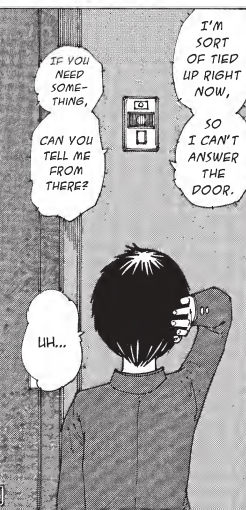
I'M
HOME.















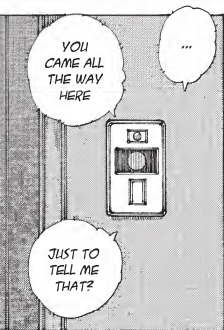
BUT
TODAY,
I JUST
DRANK IT
LIKE IT WAS
TOTALLY
NORMAL.



I PROBABLY
WOULD'VE
BEEN MORE
EXCITED TO
DRINK IT,



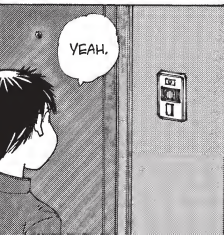
A
LONG
TIME
AGO,



YOU
CAME ALL
THE WAY
HERE

...

JUST TO
TELL ME
THAT?

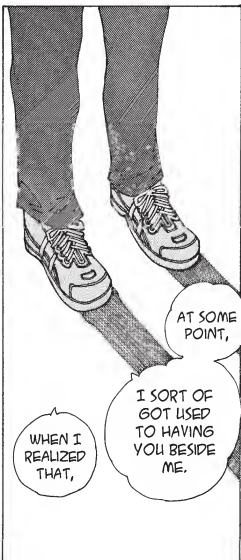


YEAH.



ALL OF A
SUDDEN,

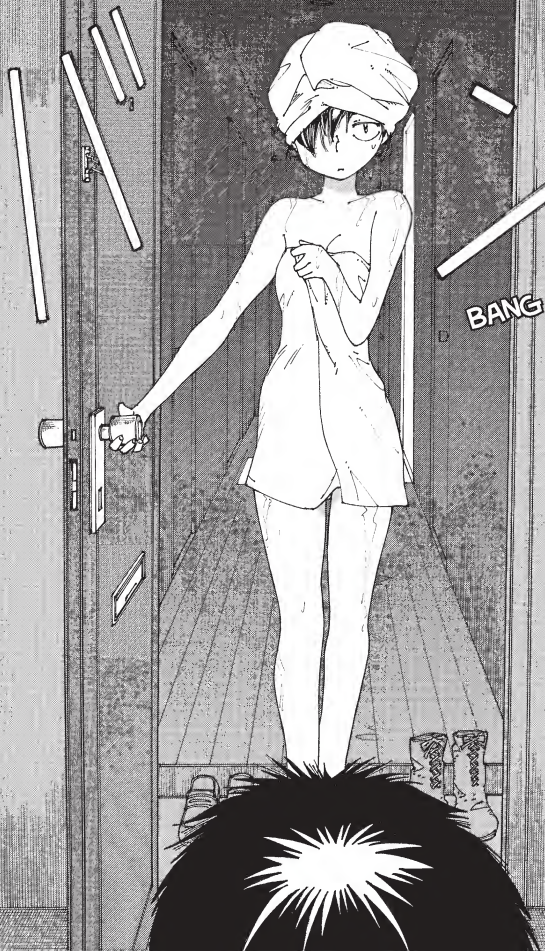
I FELT
REALLY
BAD...

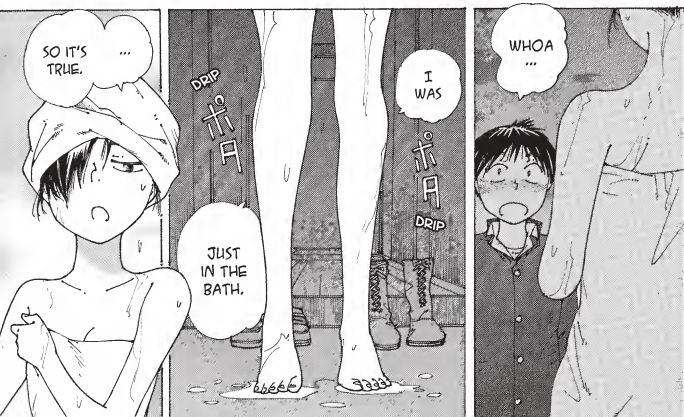


AT SOME
POINT,

I SORT OF
GOT USED
TO HAVING
YOU BESIDE
ME.

WHEN I
REALIZED
THAT,





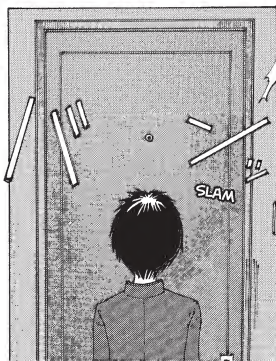
BLUSH
FOR ME.

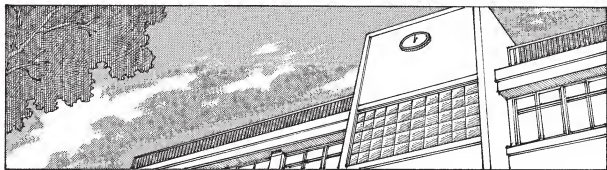
YOU
WON'T

IF I
DON'T

LOOK
LIKE THIS

THESE
DAYS,





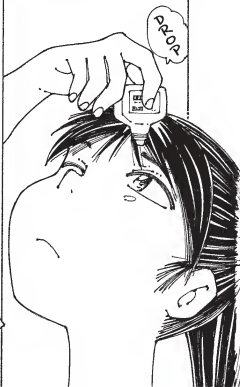
I HAVE A
HABIT OF
SHAKING
MY HEAD
AROUND.

AND WHEN
I MISS,

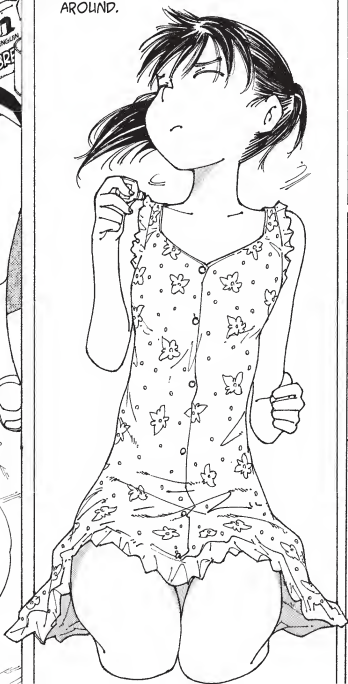
WHEN I
USE EYE
DROPS,

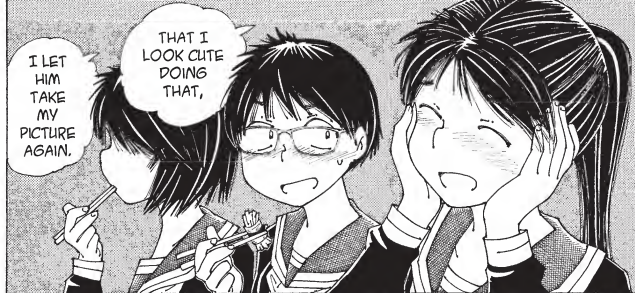


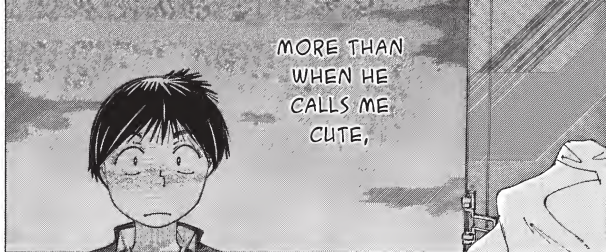
I ALWAYS
MISS ON
THE FIRST
TRY.



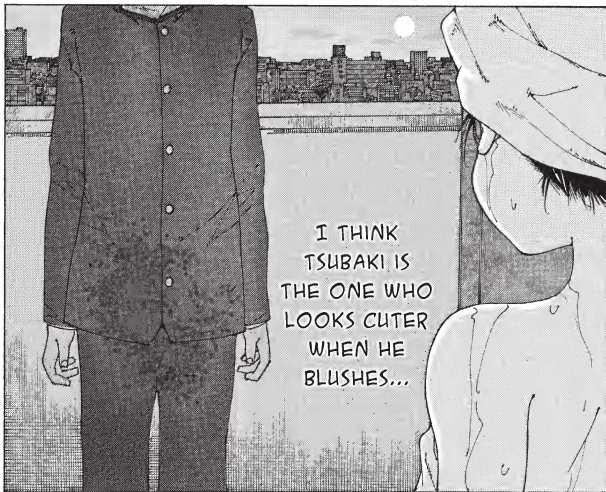
AND
WHEN HE
SAID...







MORE THAN
WHEN HE
CALLS ME
CUTE,



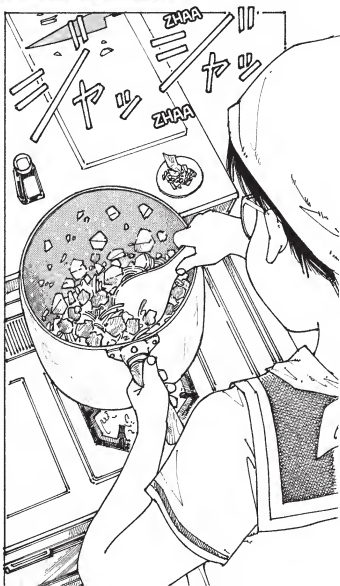
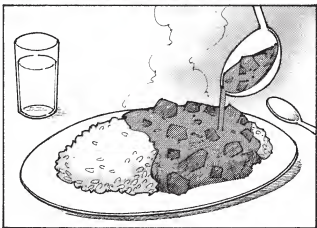
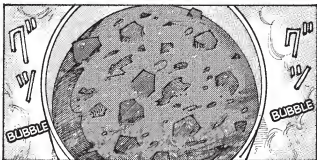
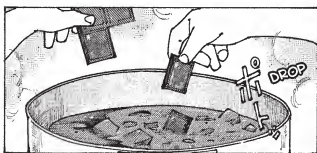
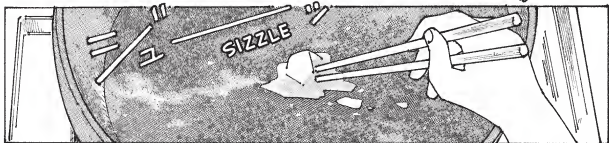
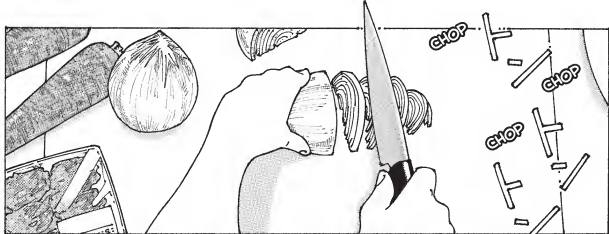
I THINK
TSUBAKI IS
THE ONE WHO
LOOKS CUTER
WHEN HE
BLUSHES...



URABE...

HM?







YOUR
GROUP
MADE
CURRY,
OKAZ?

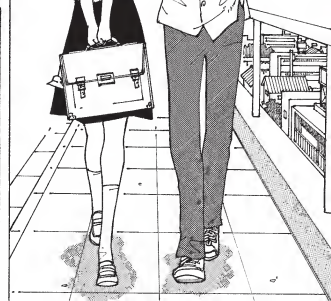
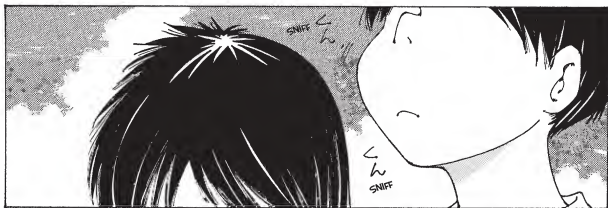
NO
FAIR!

ISN'T
THAT
TOO
EASY?

SIMPLE IS
DELICIOUS,

YOU
KNOW!







MAKE
SOME FOR
YOU?

THEN

WHY
DON'T I



I'M

A
LITTLE
BIT

YAAAY!!

ALL
RIGHT
!!

PARTICULAR
ABOUT MY
CURRY.

SURE.

REALLY
?!

R...

CURRY'S
NO BIG
DEAL.

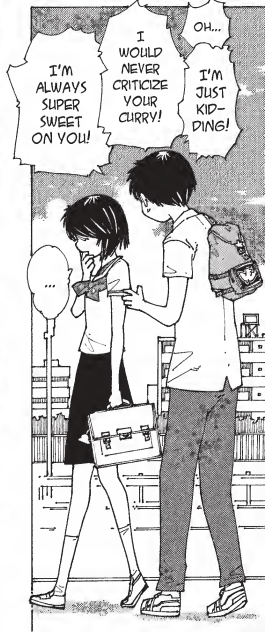
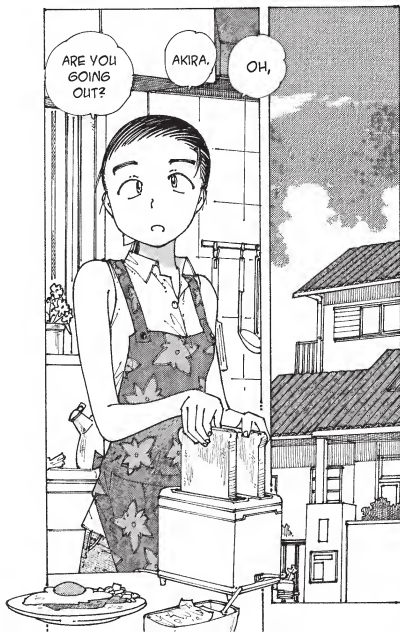
COME TO
MY PLACE.

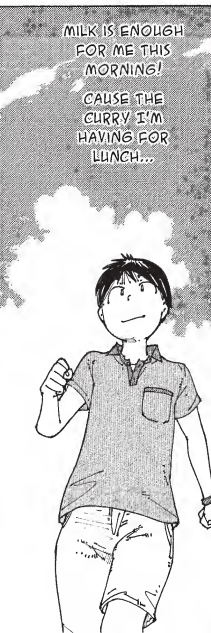
ON
SUNDAY,

IN
TWO
DAYS,

I'LL
MAKE
YOU

CURRY
FOR LUNCH.





IS THE
FIRST THING
URABE'S EVER
COOKED
FOR ME!

I DID HAVE
SOME MISO
SOUP,
THOUGH...

THANKS!

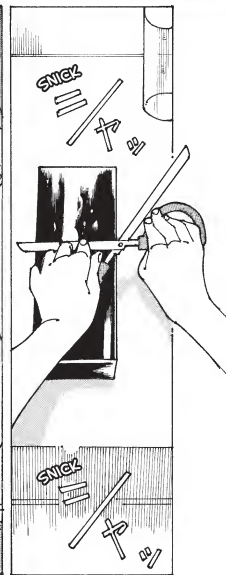
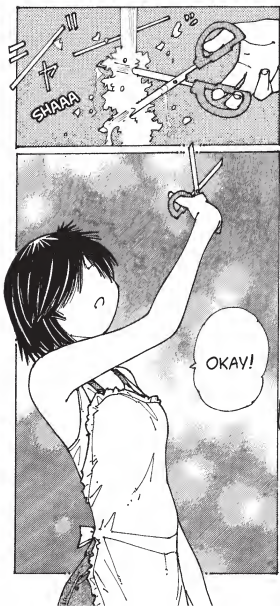
COME
IN.

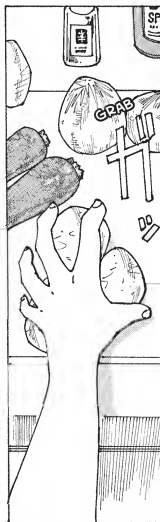
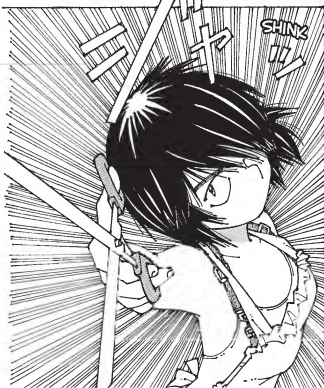
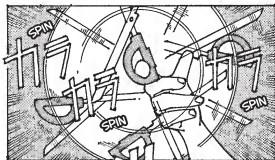
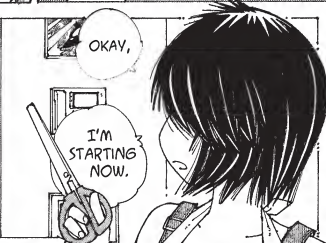
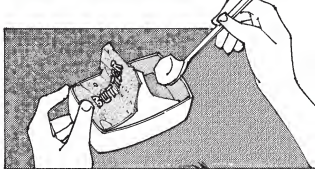
WOW,

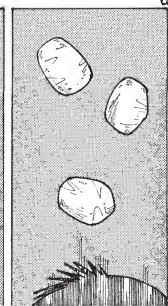
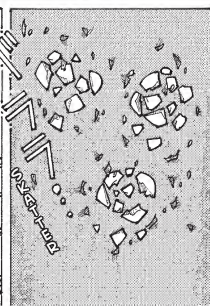
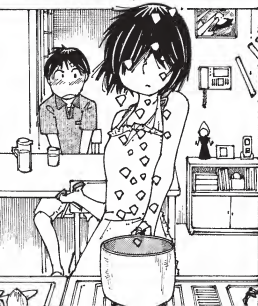
SHE'S
IN AN
APRON!
♪

WEL-
COME.

DING
♪
DONG







KINDA
WHETS
THE
APPE-
TITE...

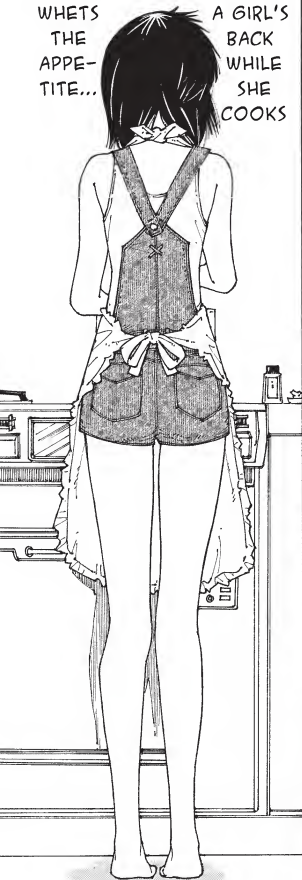
WATCHING
A GIRL'S
BACK
WHILE
SHE
COOKS

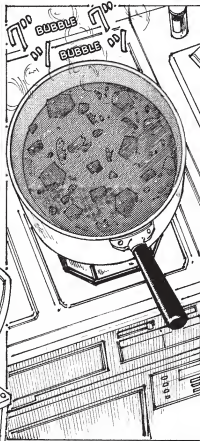
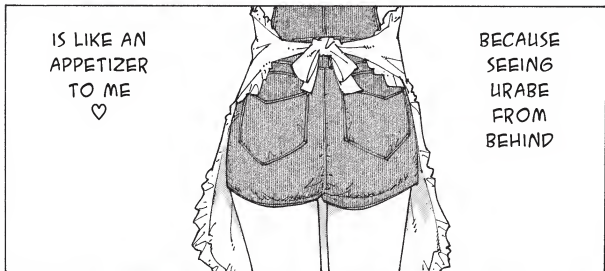
BUT
STILL...

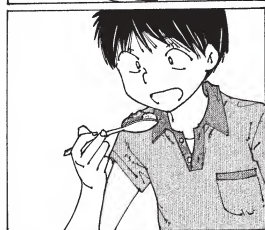
SHE
USES THEM
INSTEAD
OF A
KNIFE...

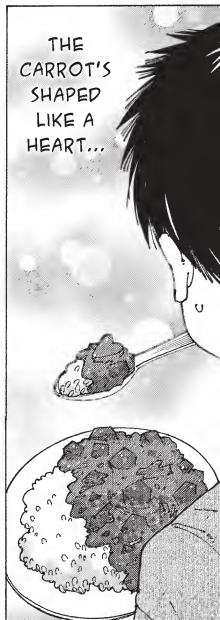
SINCE
URABE'S
SO GOOD
WITH
SCISSORS,

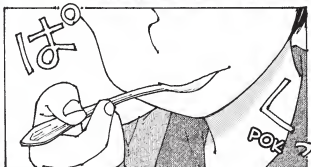
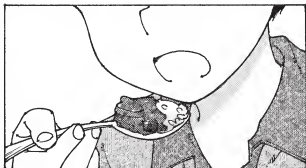
I
SEE...











THE
MOOD IS
PRETTY
GOOD...



SEEMS
LIKE...



GLANCE

チラッ



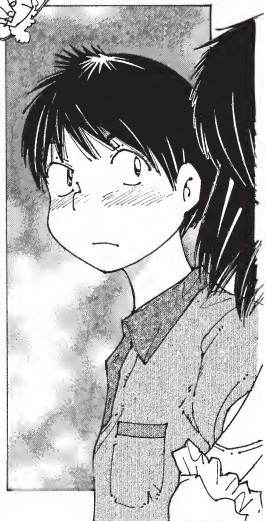
I'LL
GO FOR
IT...



MAYBE...

THIS IS
A GOOD
TIME?





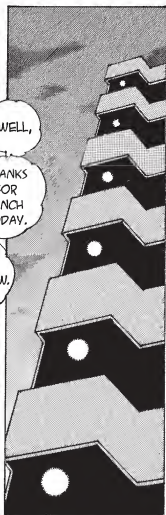
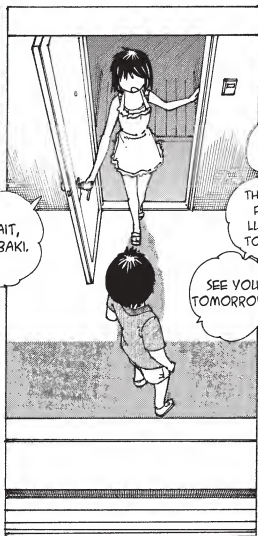
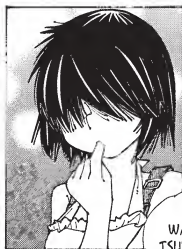


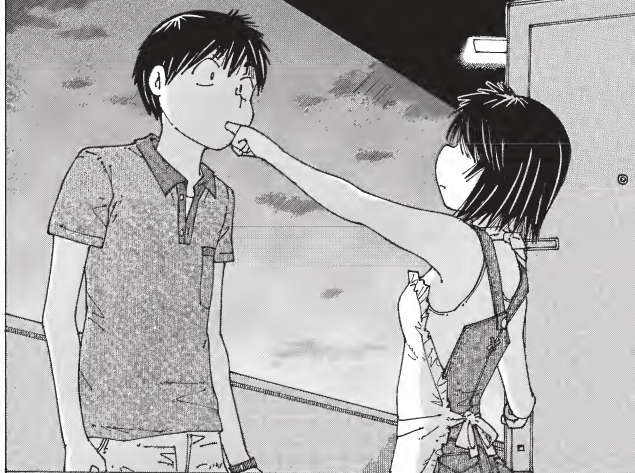
DON'T.

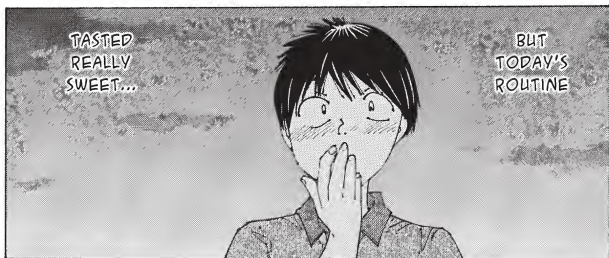
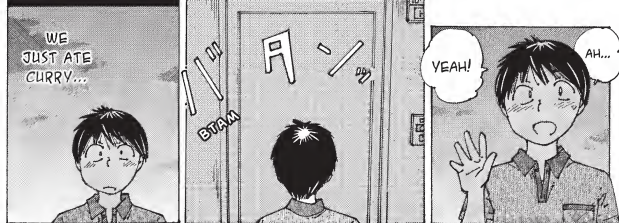
IF WE
DO
THAT
NOW,

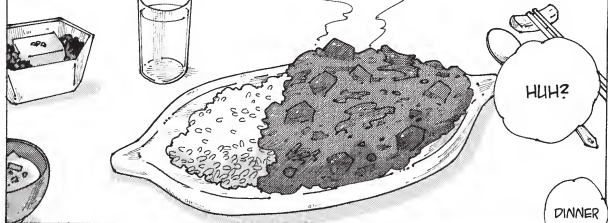
OUR
FIRST
KISS

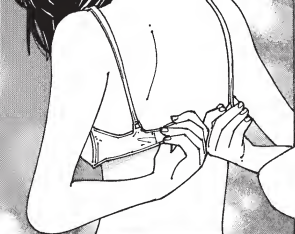
WILL
TASTE
LIKE
CURRY!













SHAK

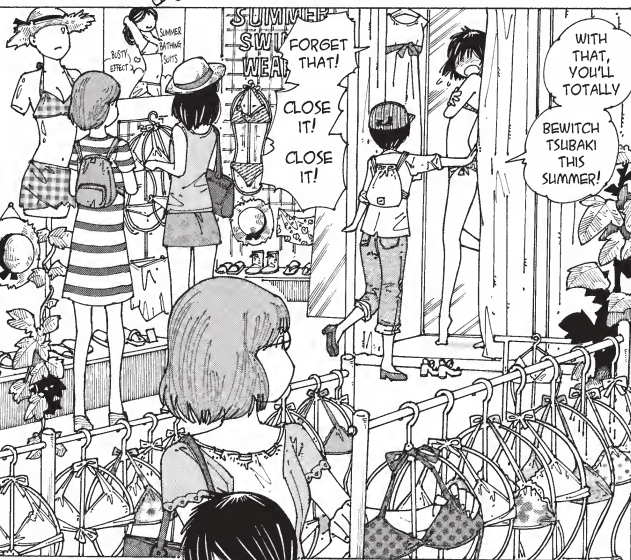
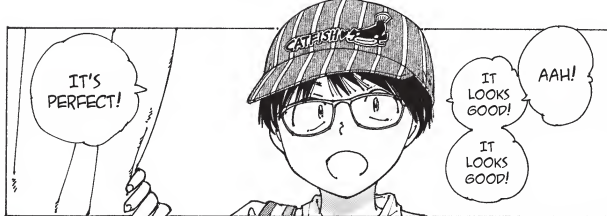
X!!

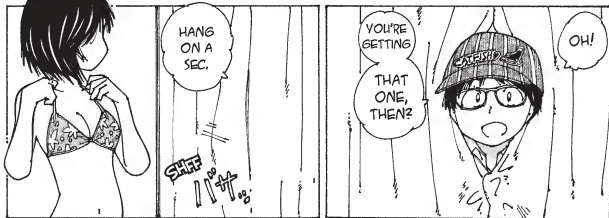
URABE,

HOW'S
THE
FIT?!

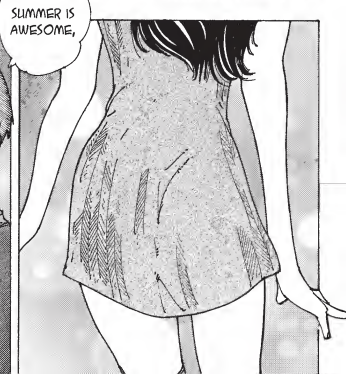
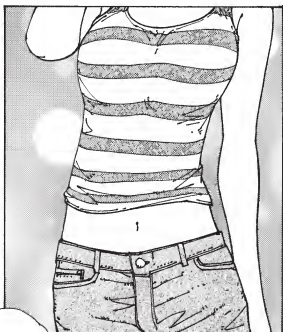
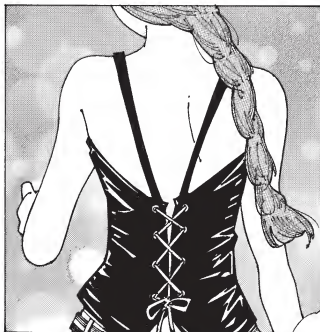
WAAAH!!



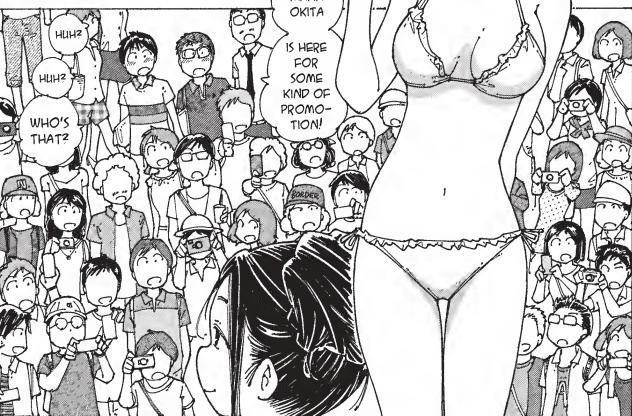
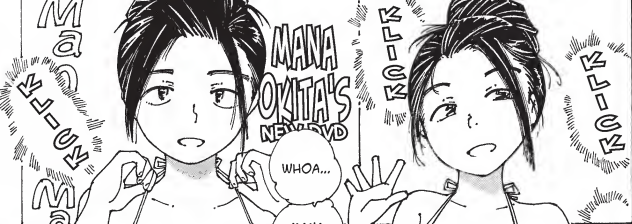


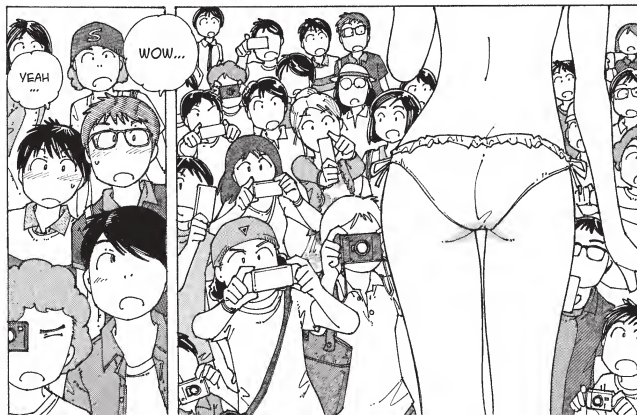
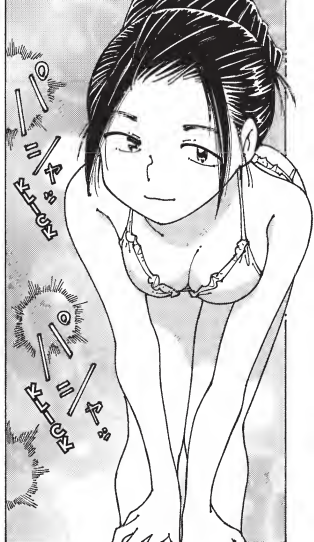




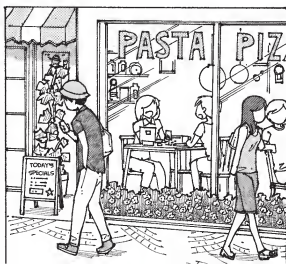
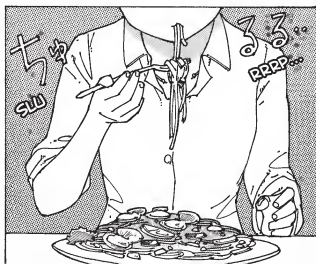




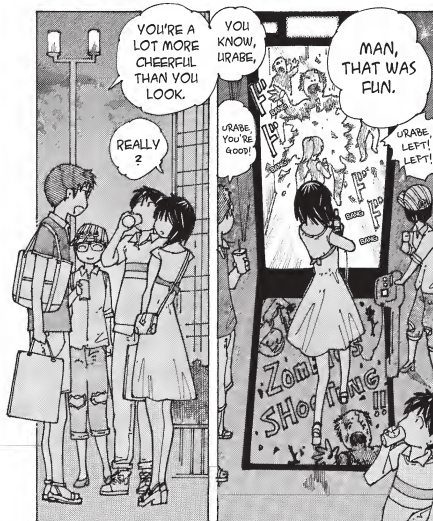


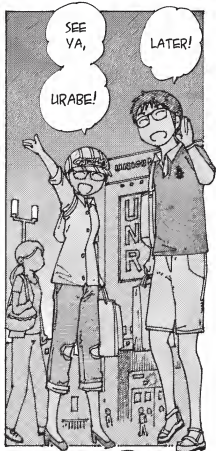
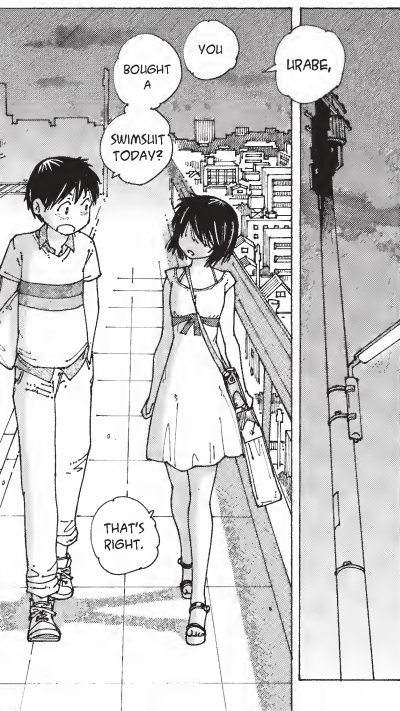
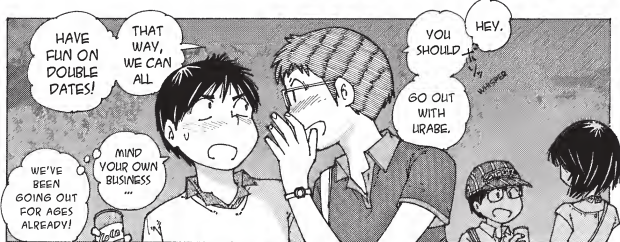




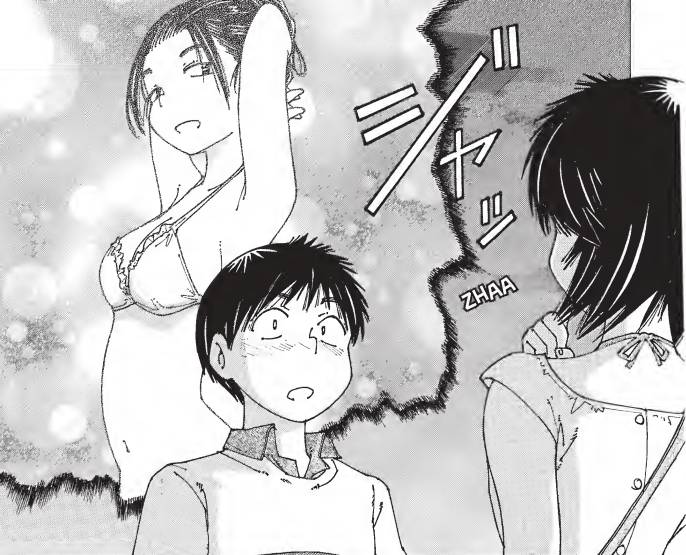


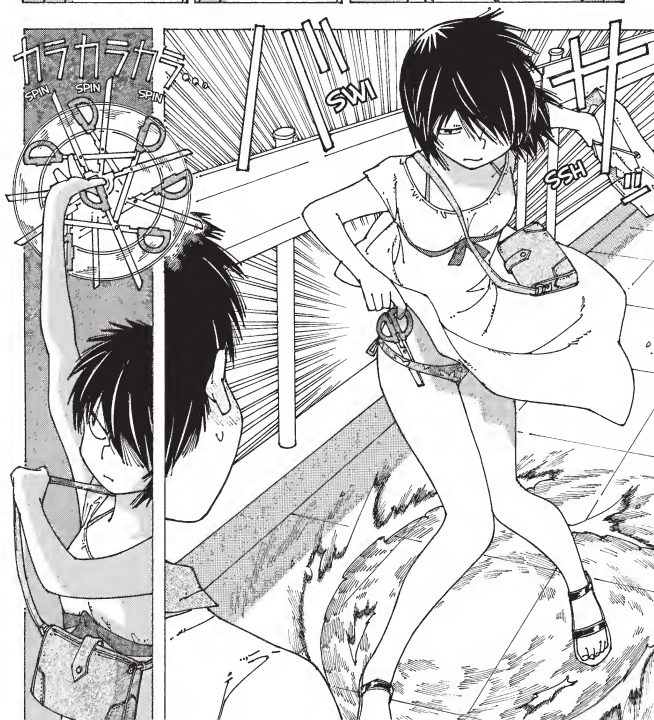
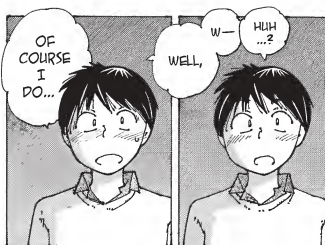










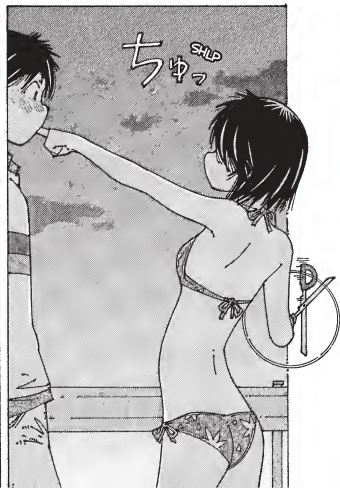
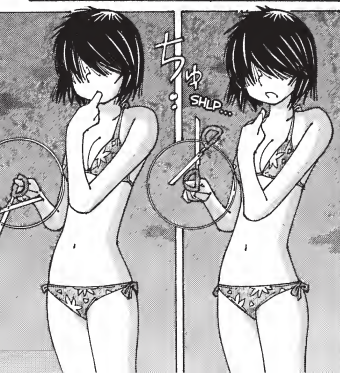
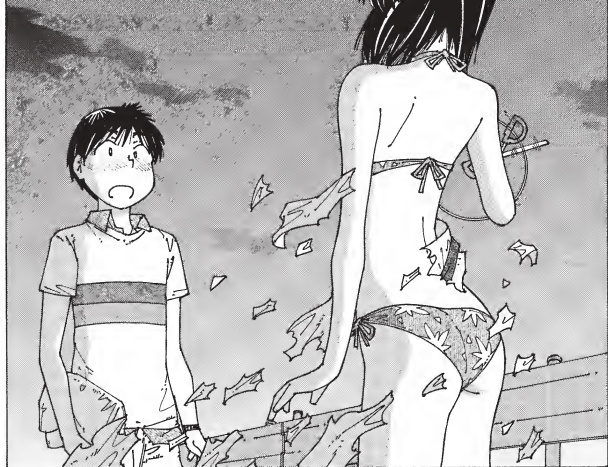


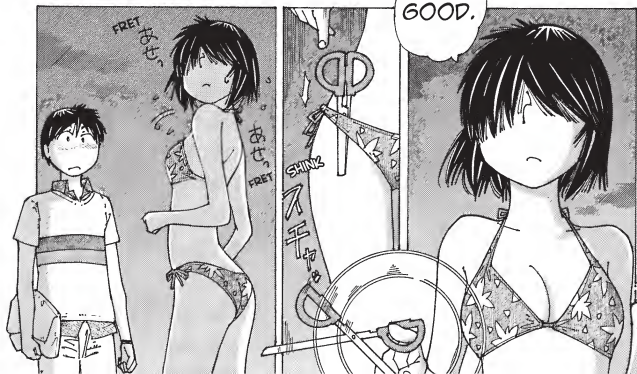
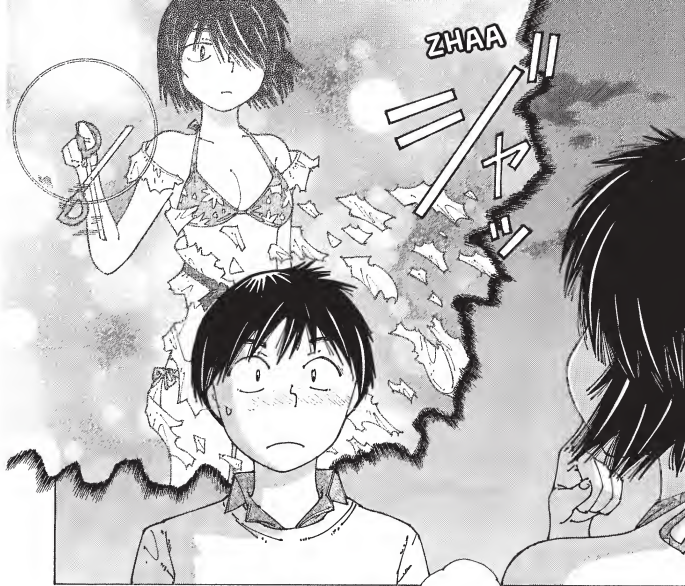


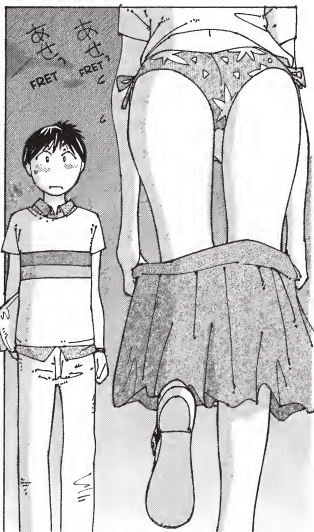
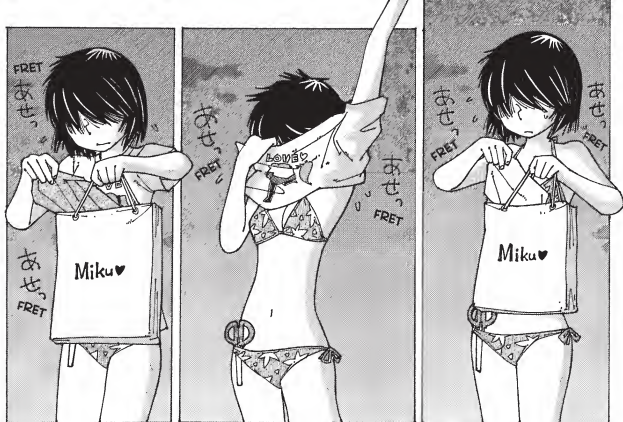
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カラカラカラ...

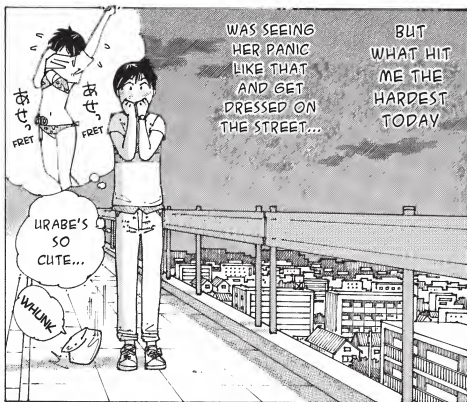
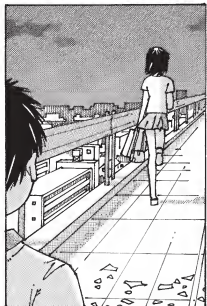
FLUTTER...
はーりー!!

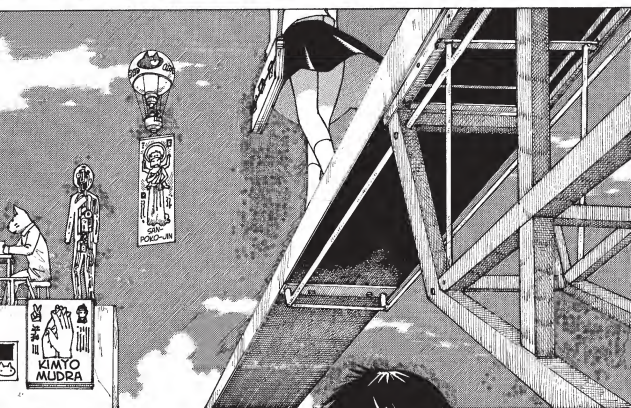
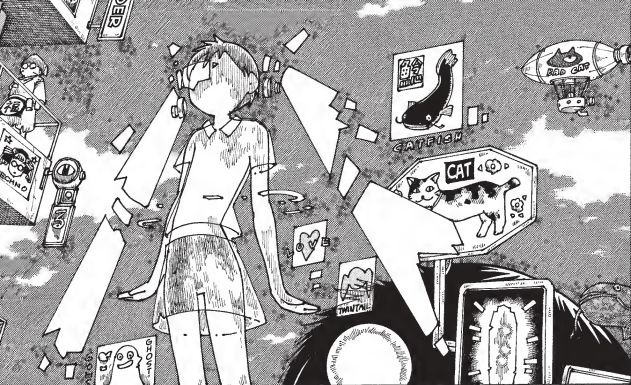


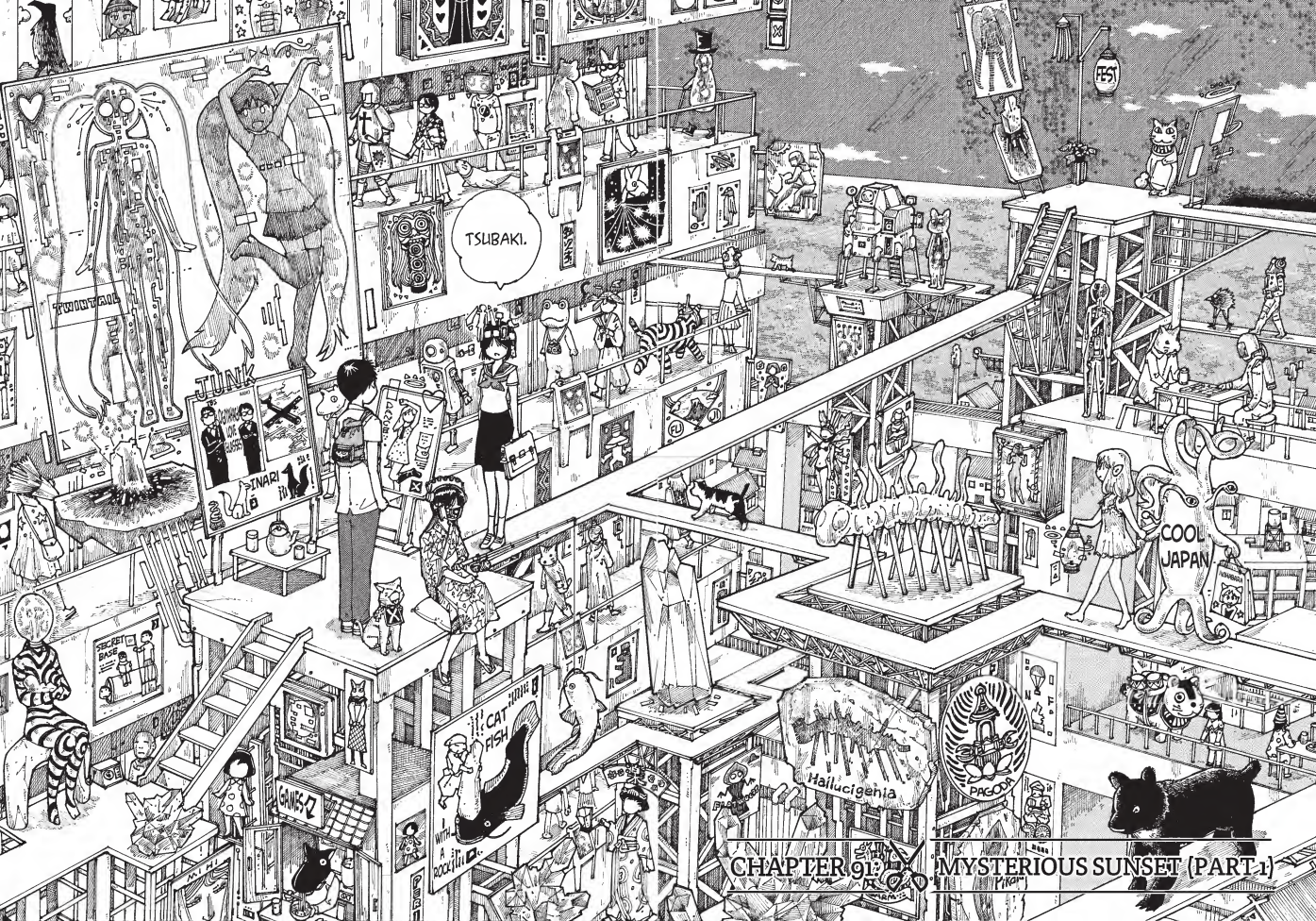












TSLUBAKI.

TUNK

TSUBAKI

CAT FISH

Hailucigenia

COOL JAPAN

PRONG





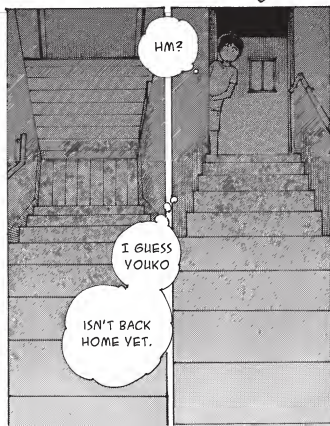
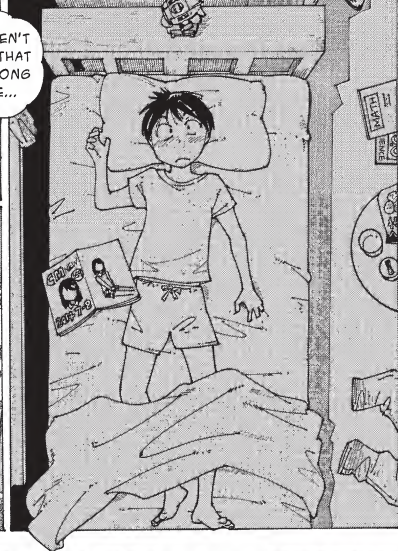
THE
DREAM
ABOUT
THAT
WEIRD
CITY...

I HAVEN'T
SEEN THAT
IN A LONG
TIME...



KISS
ME...

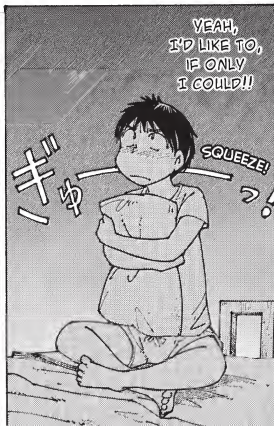
TSUBAKI.



HM?

I GUESS
YOU'KO

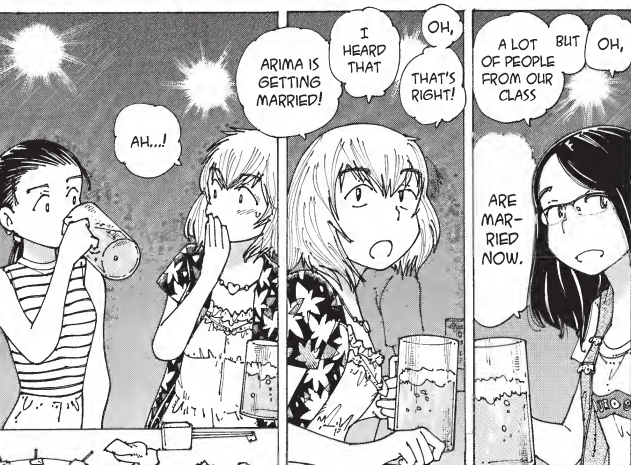
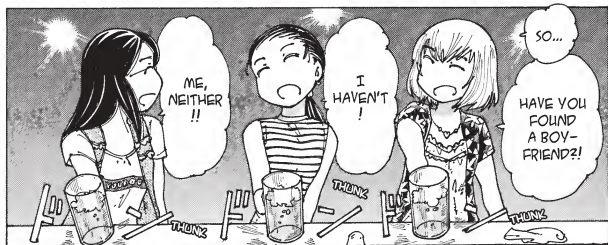
ISN'T BACK
HOME YET.

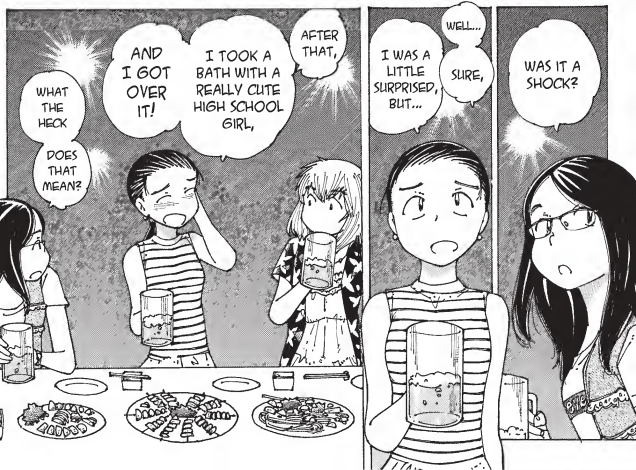
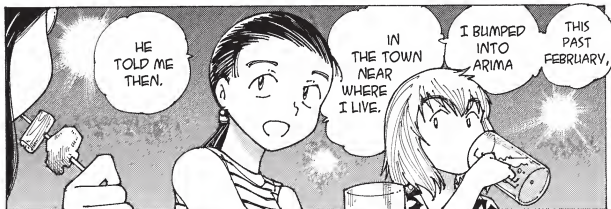
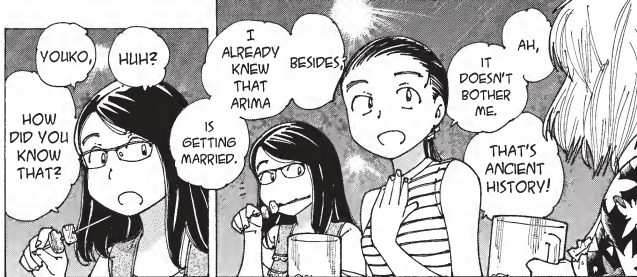


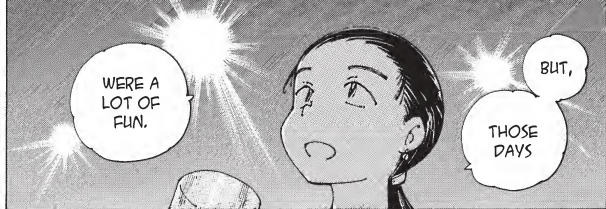
YEAH,
I'D LIKE TO,
IF ONLY
I COULD!!

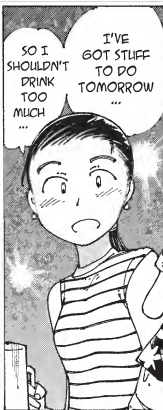
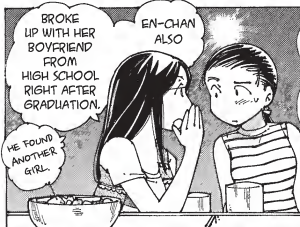
SQUEEZE!

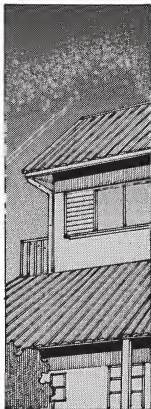
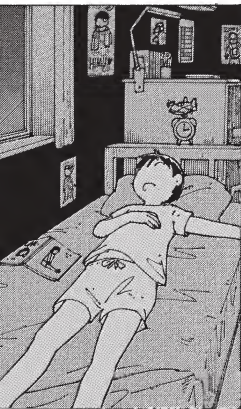
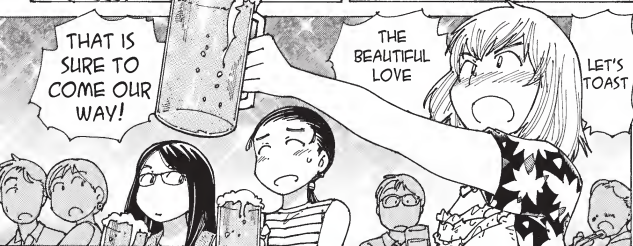
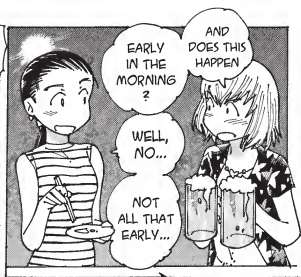
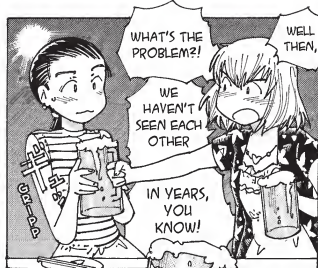


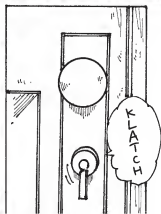
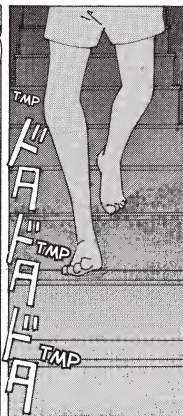
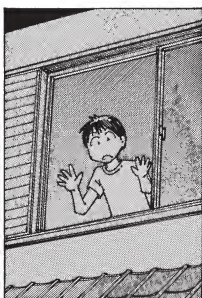
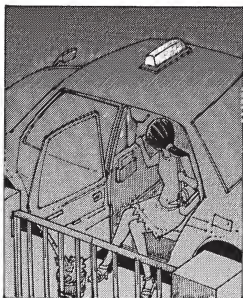


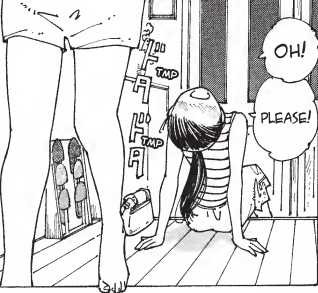












OH!

PLEASE!



SOME WATER?

YOU WANT



AND

LIP...



IF YOU'RE GONNA SLEEP, SLEEP IN YOUR FUTON.



OR,

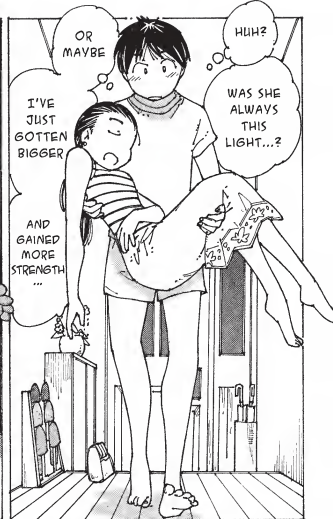
MAYBE NOT...



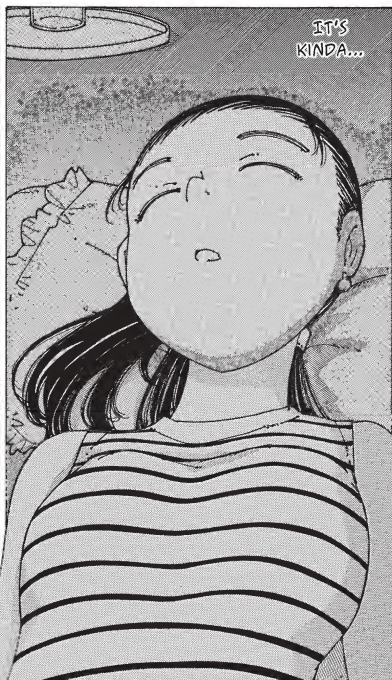
OH,

C'MON

SHE FELL ASLEEP IN THE ENTRYWAY...



...HUH?



IT'S
KINDA...

SEEING
MY
SISTER'S
FACE
WHEN
SHE'S
ASLEEP
...



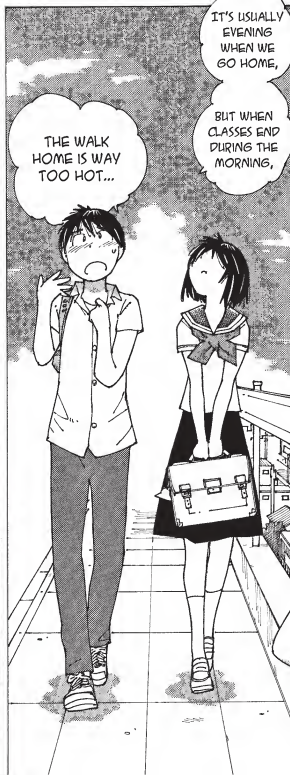
WHAT...?



WHY?

HUH?

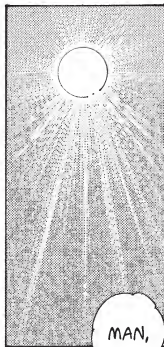
TEARS
...?



THE WALK
HOME IS WAY
TOO HOT...

IT'S USUALLY
EVENING
WHEN WE
GO HOME,

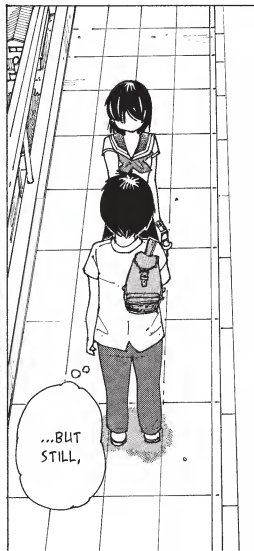
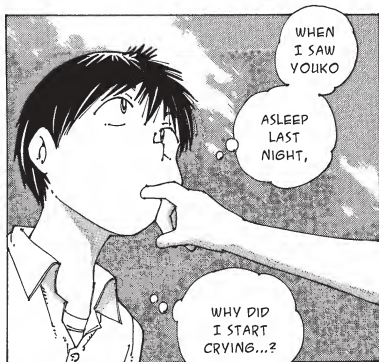
BUT WHEN
CLASSES END
DURING THE
MORNING,

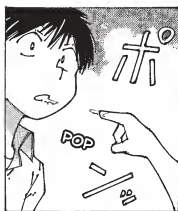


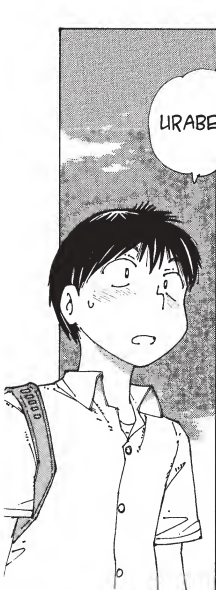
MAN,



THE
SUN IS
BRUTAL...







URABE...



...I
SAW
IT.

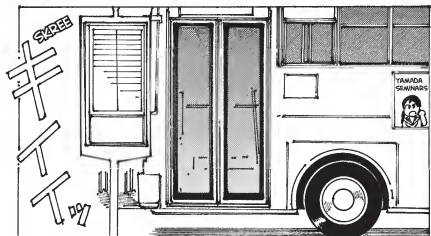
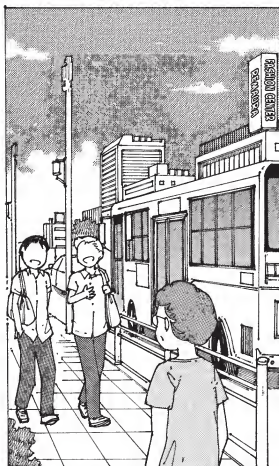


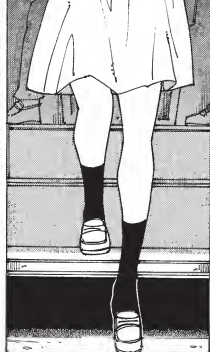
YOU'RE
CRYING...

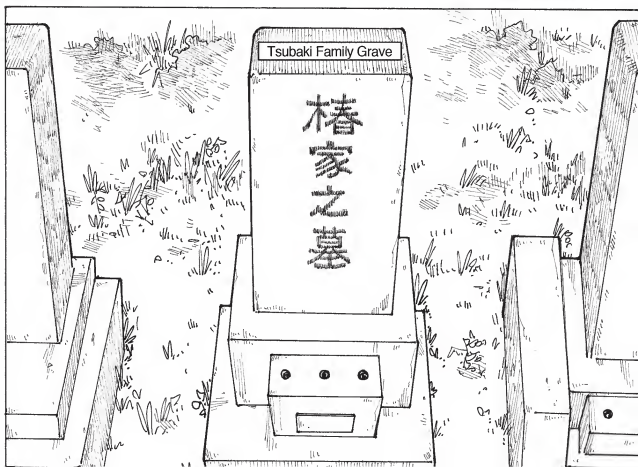
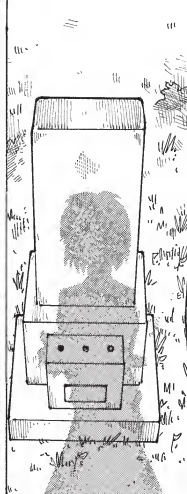
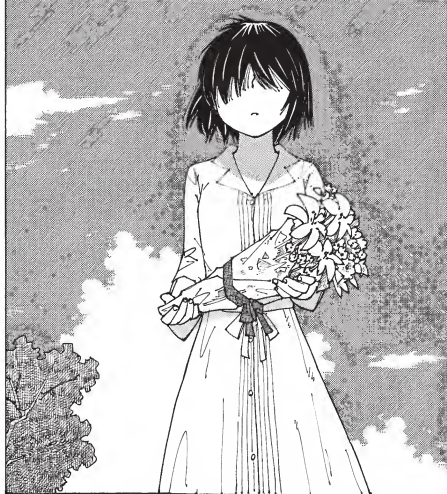


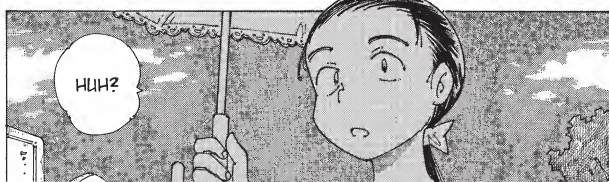
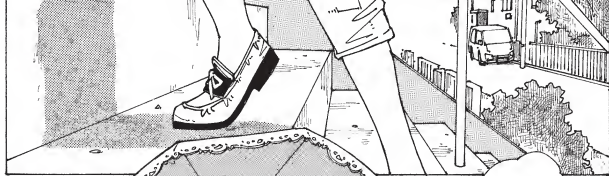


THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.





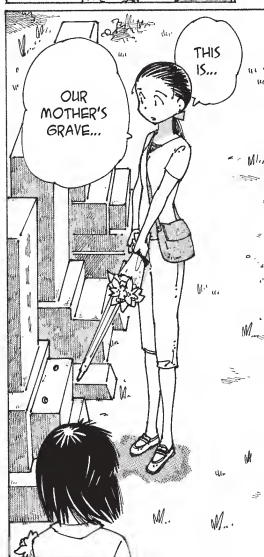
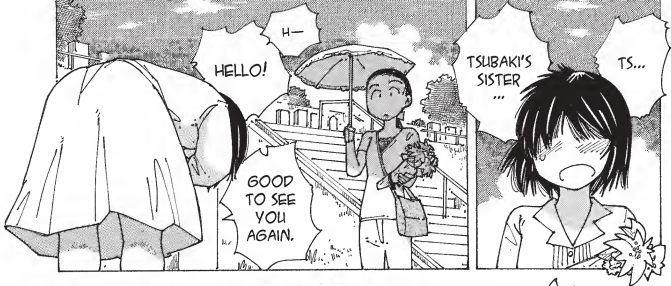


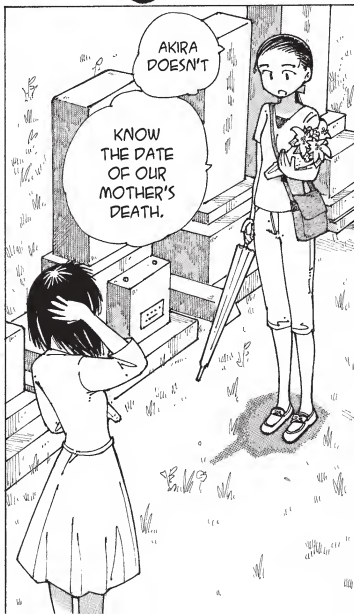
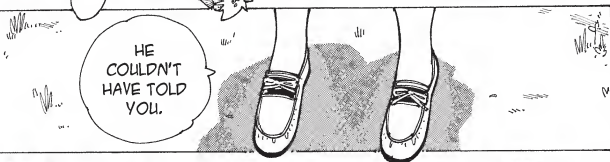




FINAL
CHAPTER: ✂ MYSTERIOUS SUNSET (PART 2)









I CAN
SEE ALL
SORTS OF
THINGS.

WITH
TSUBAKI,

WHEN
I'M



AND
BESIDE
HER

STOOD
A LITTLE
BOY.

HE WAS
CRYING.

IT
LOOKED
LIKE A
HOSPITAL
ROOM.

THERE
WAS A
WOMAN IN
THE BED,

TODAY,

ON OUR
WAY

HOME FROM
SCHOOL,

I SAW
SOMETHING.

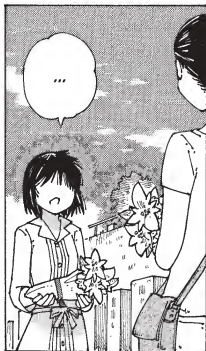
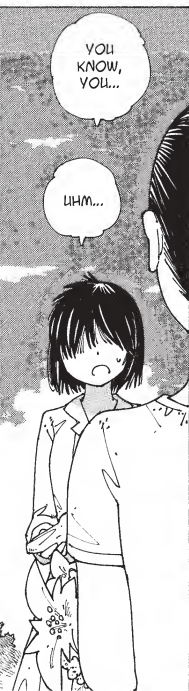
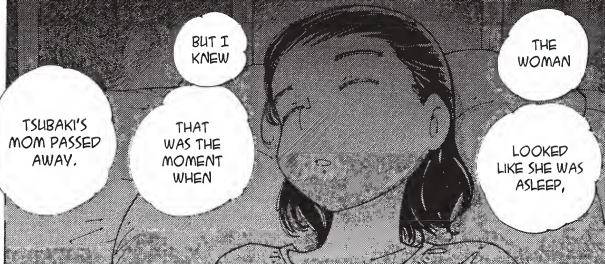


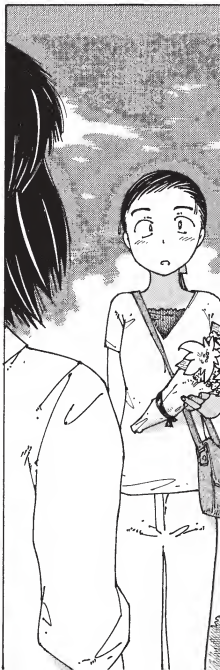
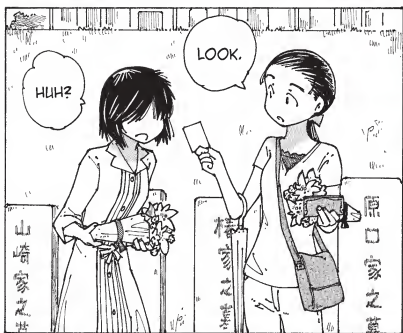
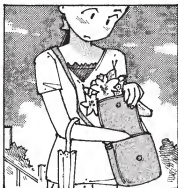
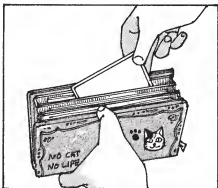
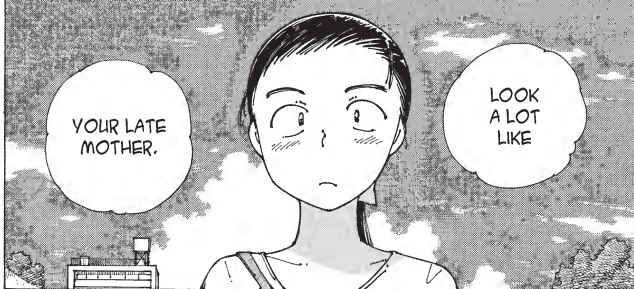
WAS TSUBAKI
WHEN HE
WAS LITTLE.

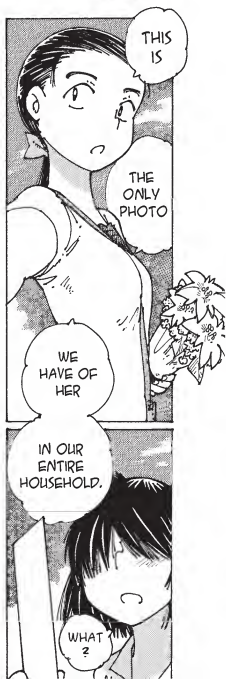
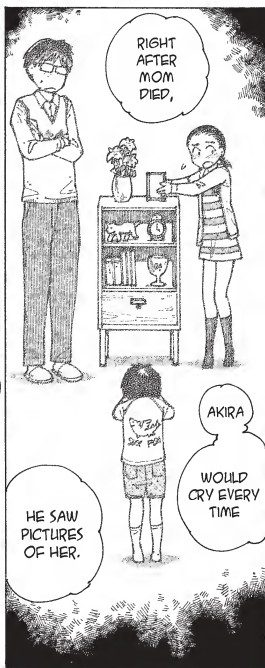
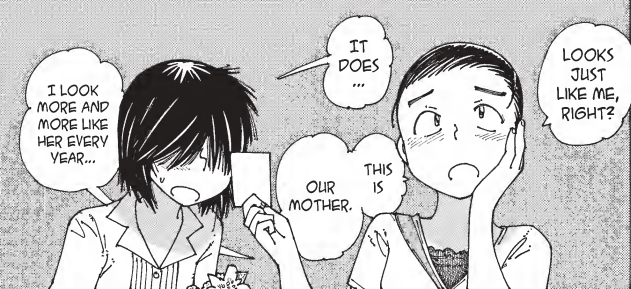
I'M
CERTAIN

THAT
BOY

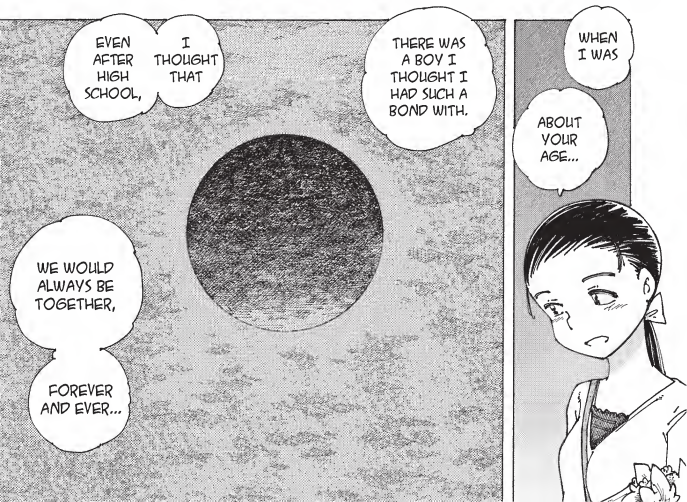
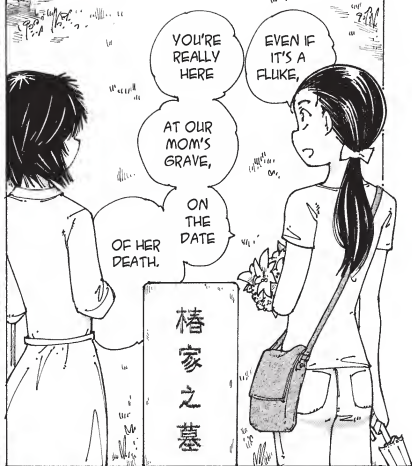












I WAS
WRONG...

BUT,

JUST
TALKING
ABOUT
THE
PAST...

OH!

I'M
SORRY.

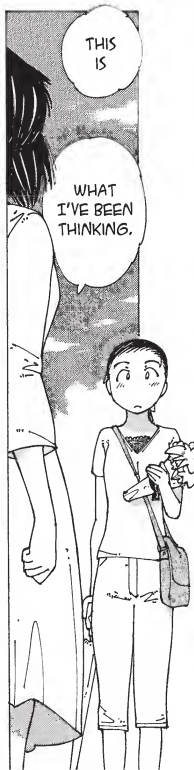
TO MEET
AKIRA'S
GIRLFRIEND.

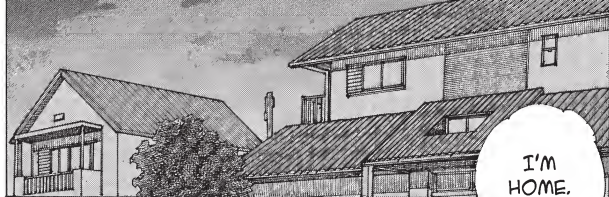
I'M SURE
MOM IS
HAPPY

WOULD
YOU
GIVE
HER THE
FLOWERS
?

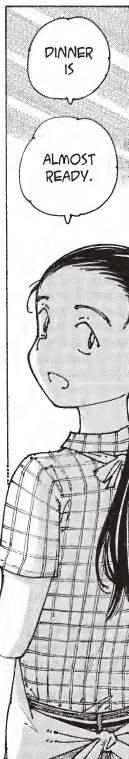
椿
家
之
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口
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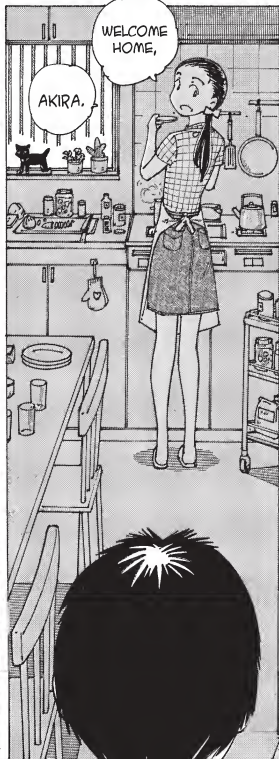


I'M HOME.



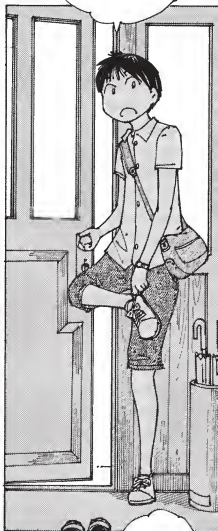
DINNER IS

ALMOST READY.



WELCOME HOME,

AKIRA.

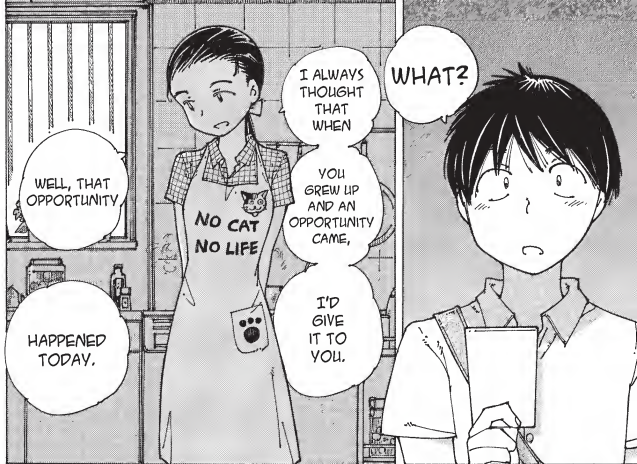


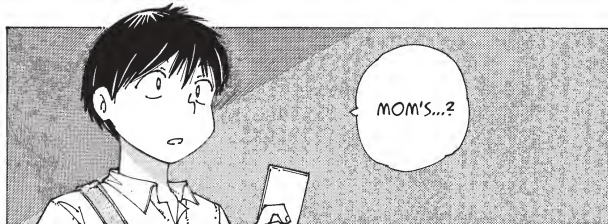
I'M HOME,

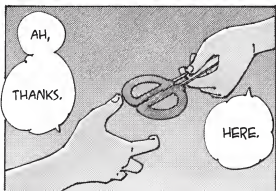
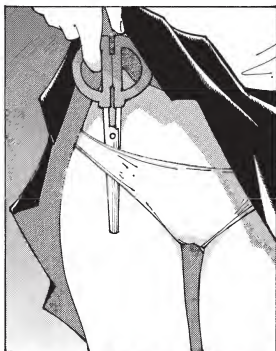


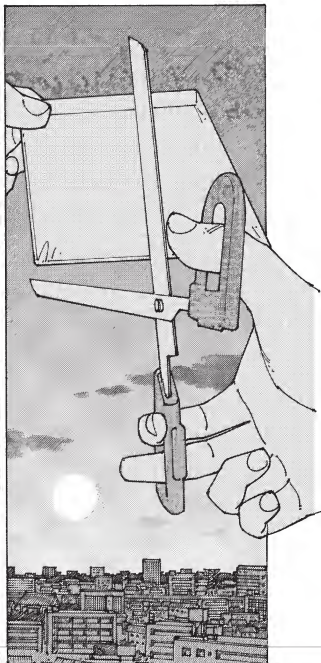
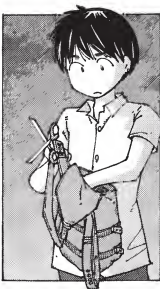
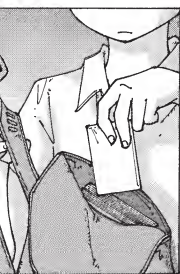
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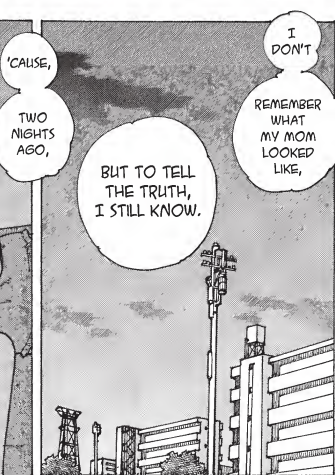
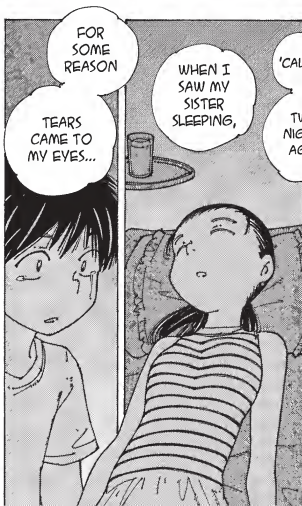


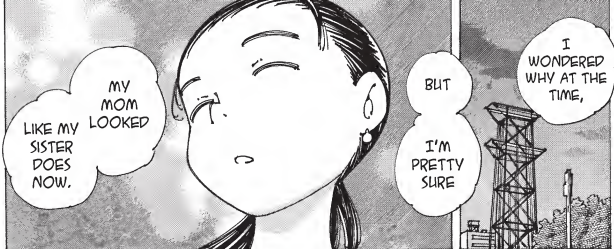












MY
MOM
LOOKED
LIKE MY
SISTER
DOES
NOW.

BUT

I'M
PRETTY
SURE

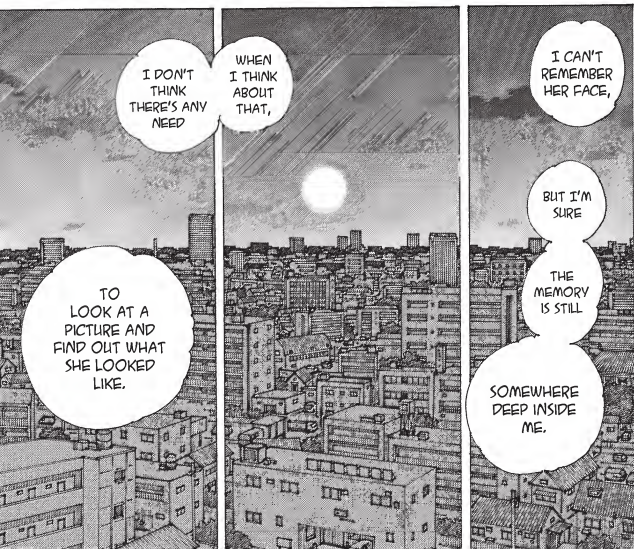
I
WONDERED
WHY AT THE
TIME,



IN MY
SISTER'S
FACE
WHILE SHE
SLEPT.

BECAUSE I
SAW A LITTLE
OF MY MOM

SO I
THINK THAT
HAPPENED



I DON'T
THINK
THERE'S ANY
NEED

WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT
THAT,

TO
LOOK AT A
PICTURE AND
FIND OUT WHAT
SHE LOOKED
LIKE.

I CAN'T
REMEMBER
HER FACE,

BUT I'M
SURE

THE
MEMORY
IS STILL

SOMEWHERE
DEEP INSIDE
ME.



TSUBAKI
...

IF I
JUST

CUT THE
PICTURE TO
PIECES...

I THOUGHT
IT'D BE EASIER
TO MOVE
FORWARD



YOU
CAN'T
DO
THAT.

STILL,

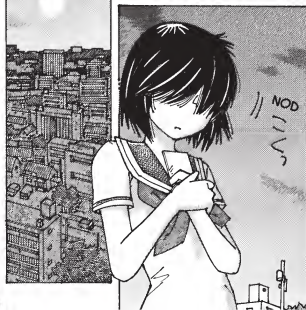
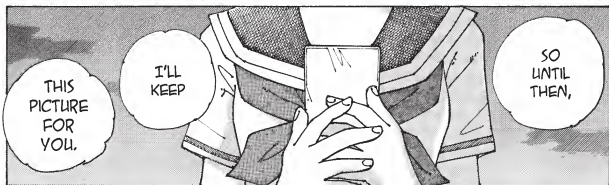
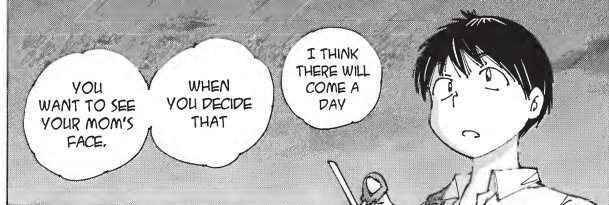


KEEP
IT FOR
YOU.

THEN
I'LL



IF YOU'RE
JUST GOING
TO CUT IT UP,





WANT
TO MOVE
FORWARD,
TOO...

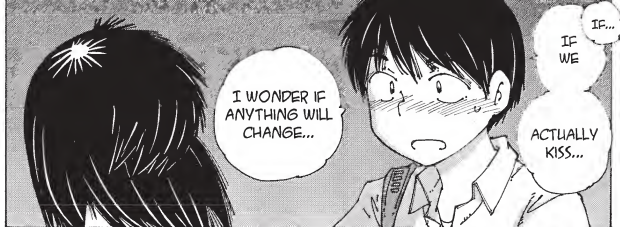
SO
NOW
I

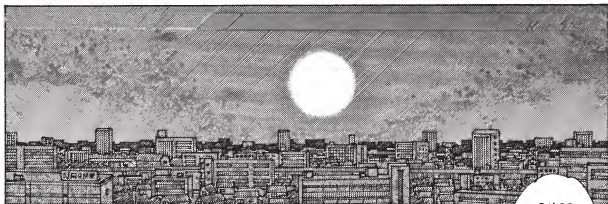
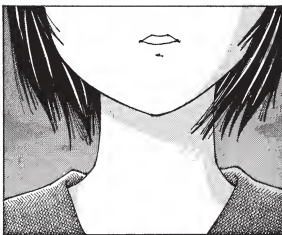
I'M
HOLDING
ON TO
SOMETHING

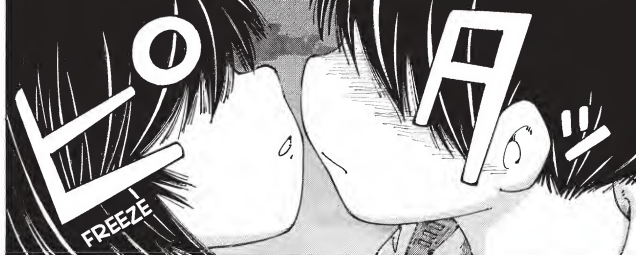
THAT'S
VERY
PRECIOUS
TO YOU.











KISSING
WOULD BE
GREAT...

BUT LOSING
OUR DAILY
ROUTINE

WOULD
BE

REALLY
SAD, I
THINK...

I
THINK
IT'S
OKAY

TO
JUST
STAY AS
WE'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN.

WHILE
YOU AND I

ARE
STILL IN
HIGH SCHOOL,

STILL
WEARING
THESE
UNIFORMS
...

THEN
WHEN
?

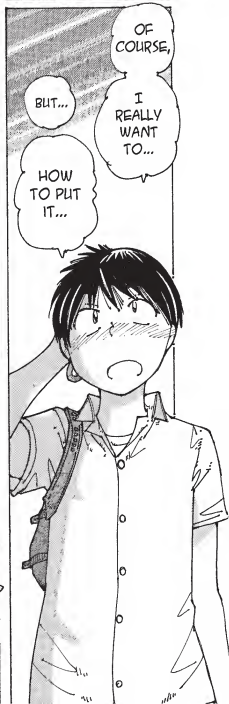
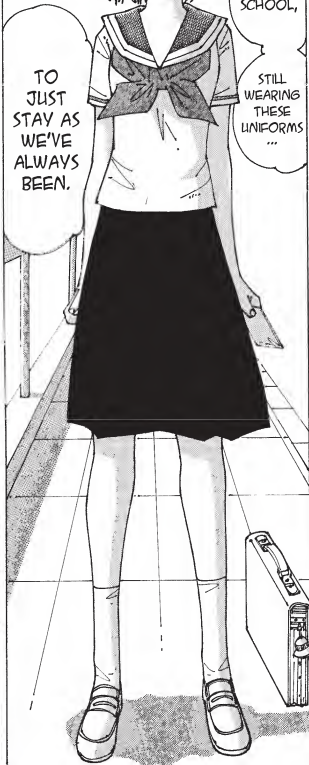
IF NOT
TODAY,

OF
COURSE,

I
REALLY
WANT
TO...

BUT...

HOW
TO PUT
IT...









YOUR
NOSE IS
BLEEDING...

HUH?



FINISH
WHAT
YOU
WERE
SAYING!

W
H
A
T
?!

NOW
I'M
CURIOUS
!



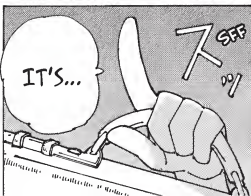
TO TELL
YOU IN
PERSON.

I GUESS
I'M TOO
WORKED
UP



SHOOT
...

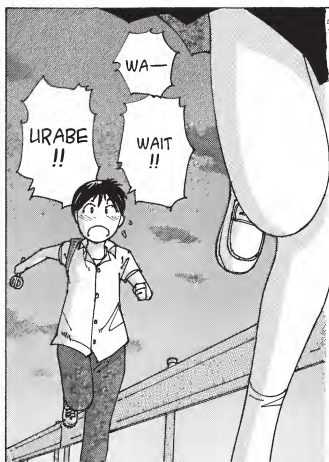
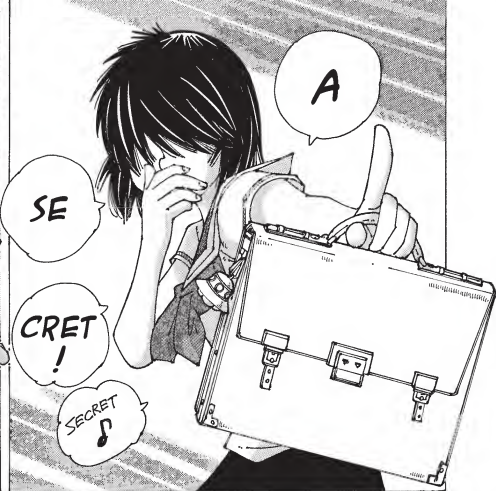
AH...



IT'S...

7 SFF
%

NOT
AS LONG
AS WE'RE
WEARING
SCHOOL
UNIFORMS.



THAT'S
HOW I
FEEL.

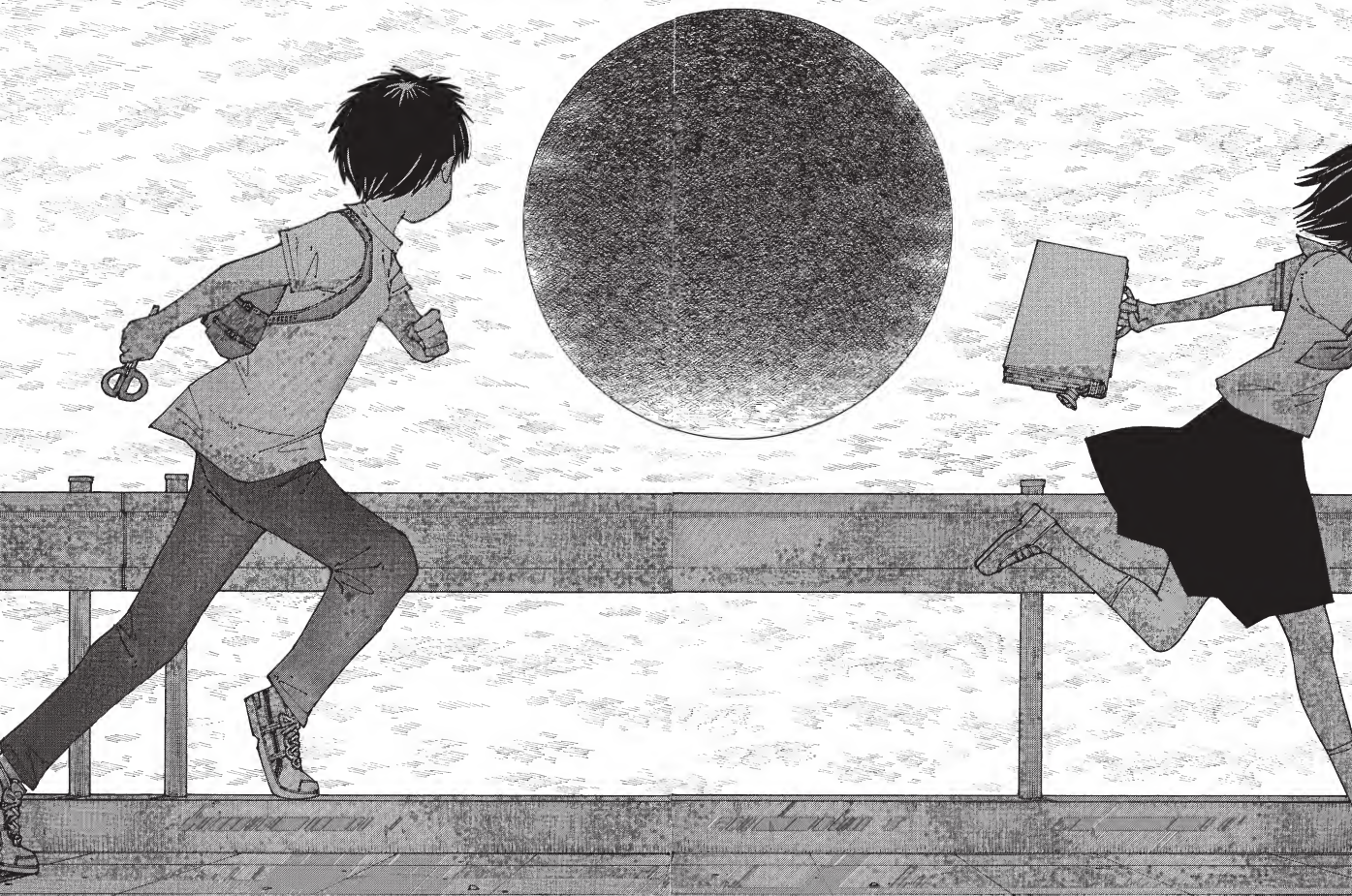
WITH
TSUBAKI

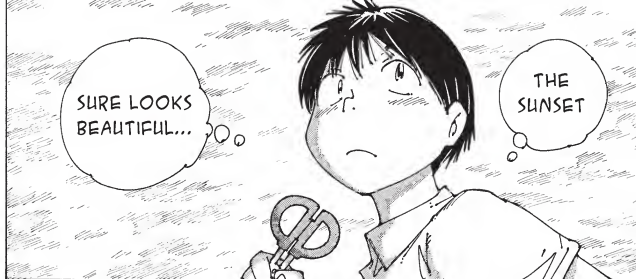
FOREVER
AND
EVER.

WANT
TO BE

椿家之墓

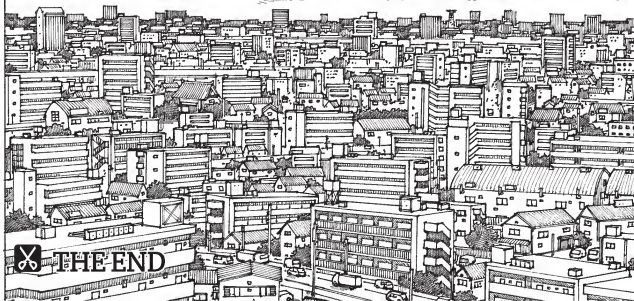
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MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X THE END

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BAD CAT





MY 10 YEARS WORKING ON "MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X"

WRITTEN BY
RIICHI UESHIBA

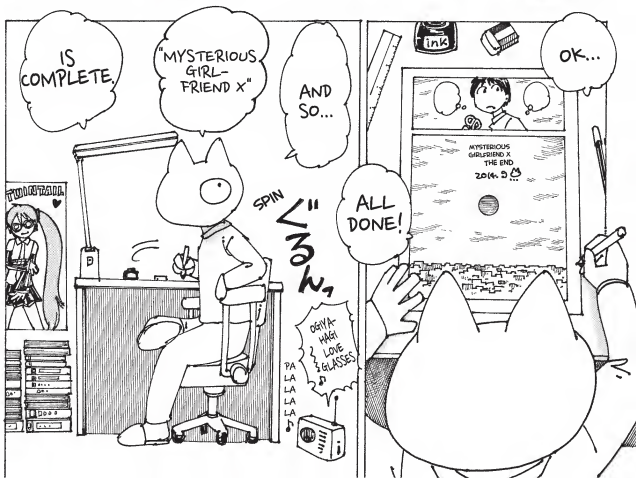
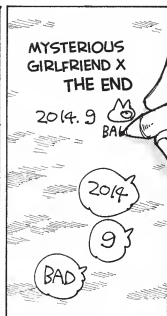


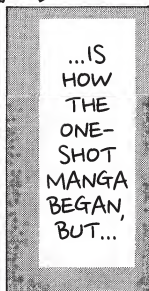
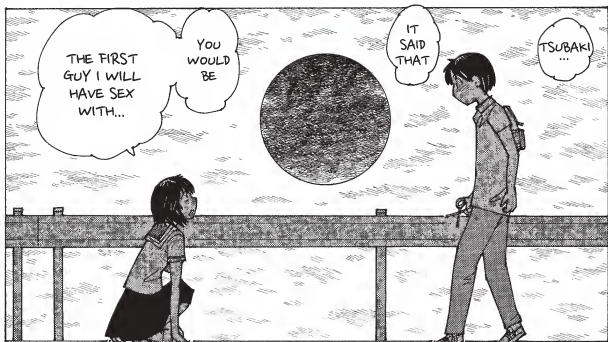
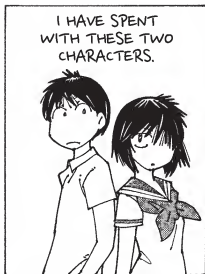
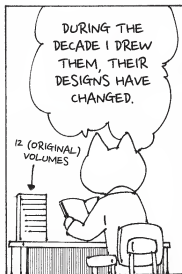
OGINPO'S
45
DEGREES!

RADIO

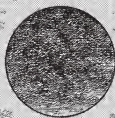


OGI IS SO
FUNNY!





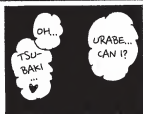
BECAUSE
THOSE
DAYS WERE
BORING...



BUT THEN
I THOUGHT,
"MAYBE
ONE'S
ADOLESCENCE
SEEMS SO
DAZZLING
BECAUSE
NOTHING
HAPPENED,

I MAY HAVE
INTENDED
FOR THEM
TO GO ALL
THE WAY
WHEN THE
MANGA
BEGAN
SERIALIZATION,

I HAD A
CHANGE
OF HEART
DURING
THE 10
YEARS I
SPENT
WORKING
ON THIS
MANGA.



AND SO
THE
SERIES
ENDED
WITHOUT
SO MUCH
AS A
KISS.

TOO
EMBARRASSING...

I CAN'T
WRITE
SOMETHING
LIKE
THAT.



TO
REASSURE
MYSELF...

MY "DAILY
ROUTINE" WAS
TO BUY UMAIBO
CORN SNACKS AT
THE STORE AFTER
SCHOOL.

FUKUOKA-ITES
JUST LOVE
THE COD-
FLAVORED
VERSION!

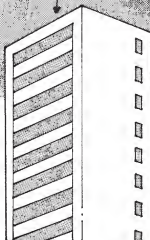
I
THOUGHT
BACK TO
MY OWN
DAYS AS
A TEEN



COPIES
10 ¥

THERE WAS
A PHOTO
SHOOT THAT
AIMED TO
CAPTURE
"ARTISTS
AT WORK"
AT
KODANSHA.

KODANSHA



BY THE
WAY, A
FEW DAYS
AFTER
THE
SERIAL-
IZATION
ENDED,

GOKOKU-JI
TEMPLE



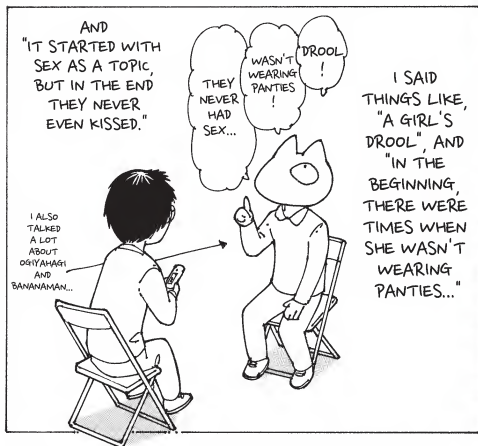
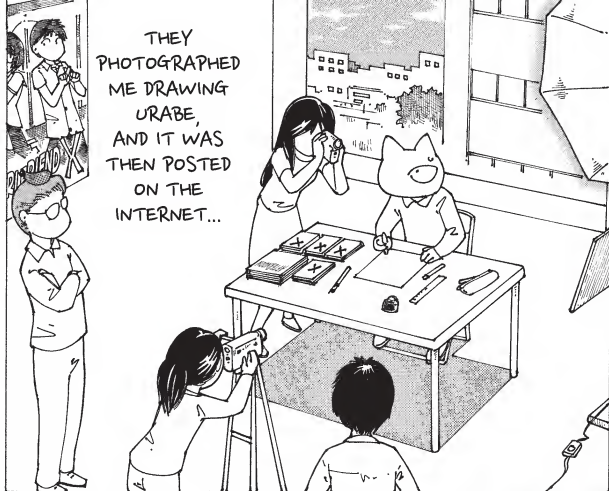
BUT IF I
HADN'T
GIVEN HER
MARSH-
MALLOWS
FOR WHITE
DAY, WE
WOULD'VE
FALLEN
APART.

I DIDN'T
HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND
WHEN I WAS
THAT AGE...

BUT
APPARENTLY
MY EDITOR
HAD A
GIRLFRIEND.

WELL,
I THINK
JUST BY
HAVING
A GIRL-
FRIEND,
YOU COULD
SAY HIS
HIGH
SCHOOL
YEARS
WERE
PLENTY
FULFILL-
ING...





THEN
AFTER
THE
PHOTO
SHOOT,
I GAVE AN
END-OF-
SERIAL-
IZATION
INTERVIEW.

AND WHEN
I FOUND MYSELF
HAPPILY CHATTING
ABOUT "DROOL",
"PANTIES" AND
"SEX" IN
FRONT OF
TWO LADIES
I'D NEVER
MET
BEFORE,



BY THE WAY,
THE PHOTOGRAPHERS
THAT TIME WERE
TWO YOUNG WOMEN,



**I REALIZED THAT,
OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING,
IT ALL SOUNDED PRETTY
DAMN STUPID,**

I FELT
VAGUELY CERTAIN
THAT MY NEXT
MANGA WOULD
PROBABLY BE
SOMETHING
SIMILARLY
STUPID.



IN A
GOOD
WAY

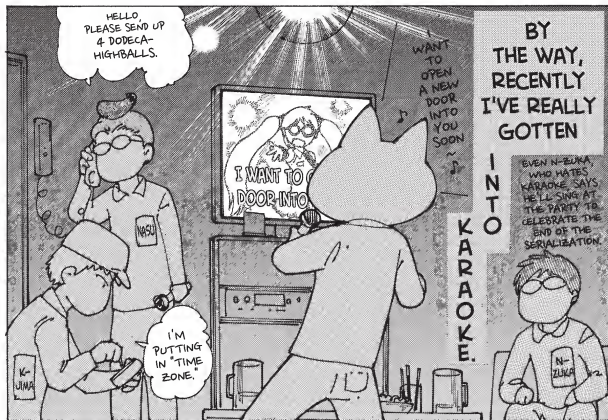
AND,
WELL

...

AND
THAT
I HAD
SPENT
10
YEARS
WRITING
SUCH A
STUPID
MANGA



IN A
GOOD
WAY



RECENTLY, I'VE GOTTEN GOOD AT SINGING
THE ENDING THEME SONG FROM THE ANIME, "CAPTAIN":

❏THANK YOU.❏

OTHER FAVORITES INCLUDE "POLAR STAR" (JUNKO YAGAMI),
"FAREWELL, SIBERIAN RAILROAD" (ENCHI DOTAKI), "LA SALLE DE BAIN" (RINGO SHINA), ETC.

ON THAT NOTE, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
TO ALL MY
READERS!

THE
END
RIICHI
UESHIBA



BAD CAT 11.20/14



WHO
ARE
YOU?!



HIMUTAN
BEAM!

RADIO



TO END WITH, I THOUGHT I'D SHARE THE ORIGINS OF THE TITLE, NAMES OF THE MAIN CHARACTERS, THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL AND OTHER INSPIRATIONS!

◦ MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

THE BRITISH SCIFI TV SHOW "UFO" (KNOWN IN JAPANESE AS "MYSTERIOUS FLYING SAUCER UFO" INSPIRED THE TITLE "MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X." THIS IS ALSO WHY URABE HAS A NUMBER OF UFO-RELATED ACCESSORIES.



◦ MIKOTO URABE

IN MARIKO IWADATE'S SHOJO MANGA "TOOI HOSHI WO KAZOETE [COUNT THE DISTANT STARS]" (A PERSONAL FAVORITE),

THE BOYFRIEND OF THE PROTAGONIST IS NAMED "URABE," AND THE NICE SOUND OF THE NAME STUCK WITH ME, SO I BORROWED IT FOR MY OWN MANGA.

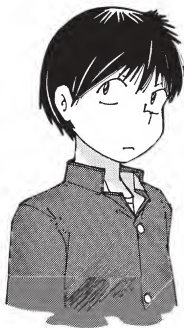
※ THE OCCULT MANGA THAT WAS REJECTED BEFORE I STARTED "X" FEATURED THREE SISTERS WITH NAMES THAT ENDED WITH WORDS FROM INSTRUMENTS: "MISUZU" (LITERALLY, "PRETTY BELL"), "MIKOTO" (PRETTY HARP) AND "MIKO" (PRETTY DRUM). I KEPT "MIKOTO" FOR "X."

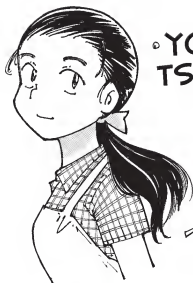
◦ AKIRA TSUBAKI

I HAD ALREADY DECIDED THAT THE MALE LEAD'S FIRST NAME SHOULD BE "AKIRA," AND WHEN IT CAME TIME TO CHOOSE A LAST NAME, THE

FIRST NAME THAT CAME TO MIND WAS AKIRA KUROSAWA. MY FAVORITE KUROSAWA FILM IS "TSUBAKI SANJURO [SANJURO]" SO I DECIDED ON THE NAME "AKIRA TSUBAKI."

SINCE A JAPANESE WORD FOR DROOL IS "TSUBAKI," AND THIS MANGA'S MAIN THEME IS DROOL, I'M SOMETIMES ASKED IF IT WAS INTENTIONAL TO USE A HOMOPHONE FOR THE MALE PROTAGONIST IN "X" ("TSUBAKI" HERE MEANING "CAMELLIA"), BUT I HAD WANTED TO USE THE NAME "AKIRA TSUBAKI" IN THE REJECTED OCCULT MANGA I PROPOSED BEFORE "X" BEGAN, SO IT'S PURELY COINCIDENTAL THAT THE NAME SOUNDS LIKE "DROOL."





• YOUKO TSUBAKI

AKIRA KUROSAWA'S WIFE WAS THE ACTRESS YOUKO YAGUCHI, SO I DECIDED TO BORROW HER NAME. SO THESE TWO SIBLINGS' NAMES ARE BASED ON RATHER AWE-INSPIRING PEOPLE.



※ AS SEEN IN THE FINAL CHAPTER, YOUKO'S APRON, WALLET AND OTHER ACCESSORIES HAVE A CAT MOTIF. SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CAT, BUT I HAD WANTED HER TO BE "A CAT-LOVER WHO IS ALLERGIC TO CATS" WHICH I NEVER MANAGED TO EXPLAIN IN THE MANGA BEFORE IT ENDED...

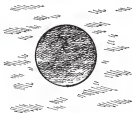


• KOUHEI UENO

IN THE TV SPECIAL, "THE RETURN OF ULTRAMAN," THERE'S A BRIGHT, FLIPPANT MEMBER OF THE M.A.T. (MONSTER ATTACK TEAM) NAMED "IPPEI UENO," WHICH IS WHERE I GOT UENO FROM.

• AYUKO OKA

AS WITH UENO, I GOT "OKA" FROM THE SOLE FEMALE MEMBER OF THE M.A.T. IN "THE RETURN OF ULTRAMAN," WHO'S NAMED "YURIKO OKA."



AS IT HAPPENS, THE FINAL BATTLE SCENE IN "THE RETURN OF ULTRAMAN" IS SET AGAINST A SUNSET, WHICH MADE A PRETTY BIG IMPRESSION ON ME, WHICH I FEEL IS THE REASON WHY THERE ARE SO MANY SCENES SET AT SUNSET IN "X."

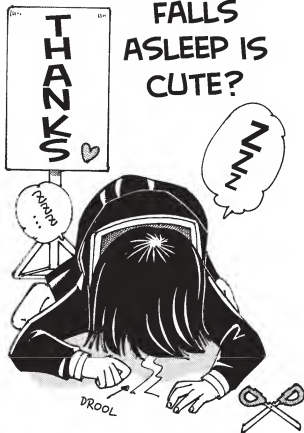
• KAZAMIDAI HIGH SCHOOL

SINCE "X" BEGINS WITH URABE TRANSFERRING TO A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, I THOUGHT OF THE MASTERPIECE OF THE "TRANSFER STUDENT" GENRE, "KAZE NO MATASABUROU [MATASABUROU OF THE WIND]" BY KENJI MIYAZAWA, WHICH INSPIRED ME TO TAKE THE CHARACTER "KAZE [WIND]" AND INCORPORATE IT INTO THE SCHOOL WHERE MOST OF THE ACTION TAKES PLACE, HENCE "KAZAMIDAI."

※ I LIVE ALONG THE SEIBU IKEBUKURO RAIL LINE, AND ONE OF THE STATIONS IS "FUJI-MIDAI" (LITERALLY, "THE PLACE TO VIEW MT. FUJI"), SO I ADDED "-MIDAI" TO THE CHARACTER "KAZE" TO CREATE "KAZAMIDAI."

WELL,
THIS IS
A COMIC
ABOUT
THAT
SORT OF
GIRL.

DON'T
YOU
THINK A
GIRL WHO
DROOLS
WHEN SHE
FALLS
ASLEEP IS
CUTE?

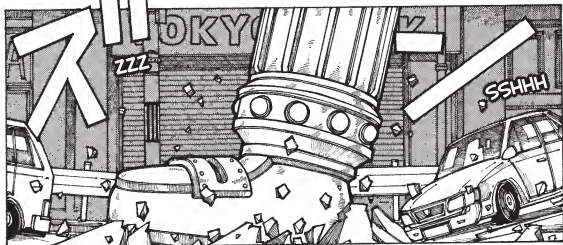


THANK YOU FOR READING ALL THESE YEARS!!

N-ZUKA NASU K-JIMA
(CREATOR:  MANAGING EDITORS:   )



AND NOW WE PRESENT "MYSTERIOUS
GIRLFRIEND X: ROBOT" WHICH HAS NEVER
BEFORE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE COLLECTED MANGA...



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EPTON

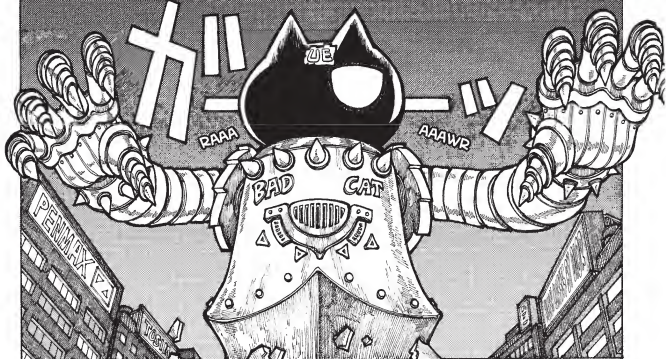
MACON
FOR CARP LISTS

MAA
!!

MYSTERIOUS
GIRLFRIEND
X:
ROBOT
!!

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X: ROBOT

BY METAL MAESTRO RICHIE UESHIBA

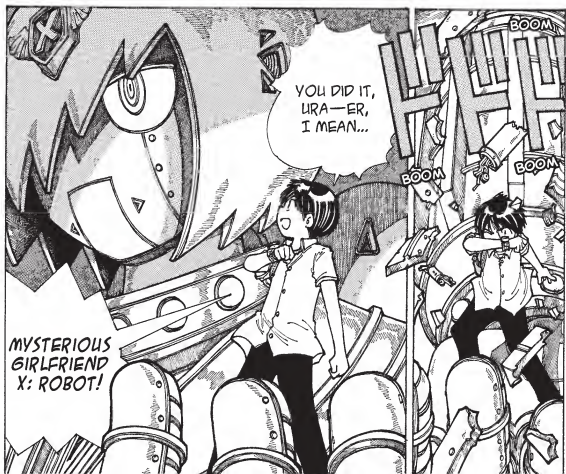
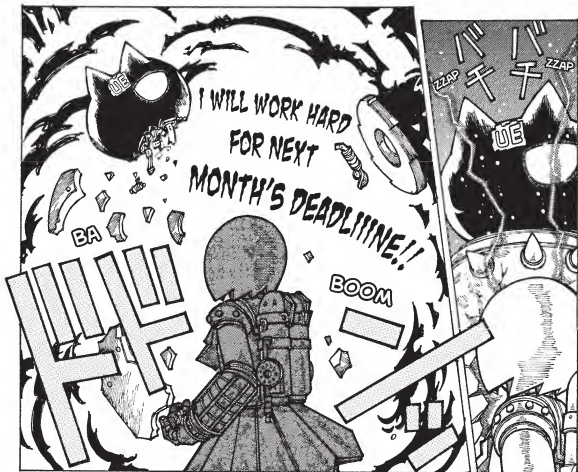


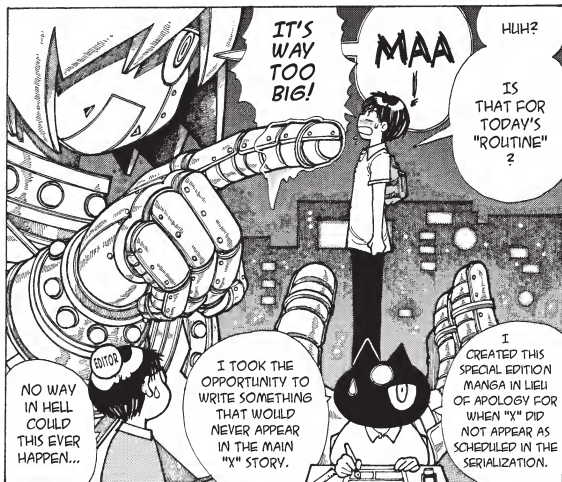
The Latest from
the Author



Ritchi Ueshita

THIS MANGA SHOULD BE READ, IF POSSIBLE, WHILE LISTENING TO MASAMICHI AMANO'S SOUNDTRACK FOR
"GXXXI ROBO" (OVA). I WAS LISTENING TO IT WHILE I WROTE THIS.





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